

Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-1105.2 and 8-1105.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The barrier island beaches of Maryland's Atlantic Coast are an economic, recreational, and ecological asset to the State;

WHEREAS, The beaches dissipate the forces of ocean storms, thereby protecting natural and developed areas lying directly behind the beaches;

WHEREAS, Recent studies have established that Maryland's ocean beaches are being lost to erosion, thereby diminishing their value and their ability to protect interior areas;

WHEREAS, The beaches should be rebuilt and maintained through a cooperative effort between the federal, State, and local governments; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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8-1105.2.

(A) THERE IS AN OCEAN BEACH REPLENISHMENT FUND, CONSISTING OF MONEYS APPROPRIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE STATE BUDGET OR IN ANY BOND ENABLING ACT. THE FUND SHALL BE MAINTAINED FOR THE PURPOSES STATED IN THIS SECTION, AND UNSPENT PORTIONS OF ANY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE FUND SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(B) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MAY EXPEND MONEYS APPROPRIATED FROM THE FUND, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH LOANS OR GRANTS TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, FOR THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PROJECTS ON MARYLAND'S OCEAN BEACHES:

- (1) BULKHEAD CONSTRUCTION;
- (2) DUNE RESTORATION OR CONSTRUCTION;
- (3) BEACH REPLENISHMENT; AND

(4) LAND ACQUISITION NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH ANY OF THE FOREGOING TYPES OF PROJECTS.