

## CHAPTER 234

(House Bill 1249)

AN ACT concerning

Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas - Study on  
the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program

FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of the Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas; requiring the Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas to meet with certain persons to study and make certain determinations concerning certain aspects of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Law; requiring the Joint Committee to report its preliminary and final findings and recommendations to the Legislative Policy Committee on or before specified dates; ~~providing for the staff of the Committee; and generally relating to a study on the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program by the Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-1808(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

## Preamble

WHEREAS, In 1984 a 25-member Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission was created and charged with drafting criteria that would guide development in the critical areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, The Commission promulgated criteria in December 1985, which was approved by the General Assembly during the 1986 session; and

WHEREAS, Those criteria were used by the 16 counties and 44 municipalities having land within the critical areas in the development of their local critical area protection programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that all local jurisdictions submit and obtain approval of their local critical area protection programs from the Commission as required by the original criteria; and

WHEREAS, The approval of these local critical area protection programs will set in motion the final implementation stage of the entire Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program; and