SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

CHAPTER 769

(Senate Bill 9)

AN ACT concerning

Forest Areas - Replacement of Trees Due to State Construction Projects

FOR the purpose of altering the areas in which certain reforestation projects shall be established; and generally relating to the replacement of trees due to construction projects by units of State government.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 5-103 Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

5-103.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) (i) "Forest" means a biological community dominated by trees and other woody plants covering a land area of lacre or more.
- (ii) "Forest" includes an area that has been cut but not cleared of trees and other woody plants.
- (3) "Watershed" means all lands lying within an area described as a subbasin in water quality regulations adopted by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- (b) To accomplish a construction activity involving land clearing, a unit of State government: