

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 849

AN ACT concerning

Nontidal Wetlands – Critical Area Exemption

FOR the purpose of repealing an exemption from the provisions of the Nontidal Wetlands Protection Act for certain activities within the Chesapeake Bay ~~critical area~~ Critical Area; requiring the repeal of certain criteria; providing for the abrogation of certain criteria; and generally relating to nontidal wetlands and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8-1203(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

8-1203.

(a) [(1)] There is a statewide program within the Department for the conservation, regulation, enhancement, creation, monitoring, and wise use of nontidal wetlands.

[(2) This subtitle does not apply to agricultural, forestry, or regulated activities located within the Chesapeake Bay critical area.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission shall repeal its nontidal wetland criteria codified as COMAR 27.01.09.02 and 27.02.05.10, in accordance with § 8-1806 of the Natural Resources Article, and in any event, those criteria shall be abrogated and of no further effect after September 30, 1993, with no further action required by the General Assembly.

SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

May 27, 1993

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.