

This bill would authorize the location of additional or expanded community piers in a "buffer" of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area when certain requirements are met and would provide for a calculation of the number of slips permitted in a buffer.

Senate Bill 332, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 362.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 362

AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program – Community Piers – Calculation of Number of Slips

FOR the purpose of authorizing a permit for a new or expanded community pier or for certain other boating facilities in the buffer area under certain circumstances; requiring certain numbers or certain percentages of slips in accordance with certain numbers of platted lots or dwellings in the critical area; authorizing local jurisdictions to grant a variance in accordance with certain regulations; requiring local jurisdictions to amend local critical area protection programs to conform with the provisions of this Act by a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to community piers and the calculation of the number of slips under the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 8–1808.5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

8–1808.5.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "BUFFER" MEANS AN EXISTING, NATURALLY VEGETATED AREA, OR AN AREA ESTABLISHED IN VEGETATION AND MANAGED TO PROTECT AQUATIC, WETLANDS, SHORELINE, AND TERRESTRIAL ENVIRONMENTS FROM MAN-MADE DISTURBANCES.