

- (2) That portion of the Atlantic Ocean within the boundaries of the State;
- (3) The Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries;
- (4) All ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, public ditches, tax ditches, and public drainage systems within the State, other than those designed and used to collect, convey, or dispose of sanitary sewage; and
- (5) The floodplain of free-flowing waters determined by the Department OF THE ENVIRONMENT on the basis of the 100-year flood frequency.

SECTION 8. 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That except otherwise provided in this Act, nothing in this Act affects the term of office of an appointed member of any board, commission, committee, or other agency or unit. A person who is a member of such a unit on the effective date of this Act shall remain a member for the balance of the term to which the person was appointed, unless the person sooner dies, resigns, or is removed pursuant to the provisions of law.

SECTION 9. 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, repealed, or transferred, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest following from it remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

SECTION 10. 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided in this Act, all permits and licenses, applications for permits and licenses, rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, proposed standards and guidelines, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, special funds, appropriations, grants, applications for grants, contracts, properties, investigations, administrative and judicial proceedings, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities associated with those functions transferred by this Act shall continue in effect under the Secretary of the Environment or the appropriate board, council, or other unit within the Department, until completed, withdrawn, canceled, modified, or otherwise changed pursuant to law.

SECTION 11. 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

~~SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the captions and other headings in this Act are for guidance only and are not intended to become law.~~

~~SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland are directed to propose a plan for the correction of numerical and similar nonnumerical cross references throughout the Annotated Code that refer to provisions found in the Environment Article.~~

SECTION 12. 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all persons who are, as of June 30, 1995, classified employees of the Department of Natural Resources and