

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 617.

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to design a consolidated permitting mechanism for construction and major repairs of piers and bulkheads in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and adjacent waters and wetlands.

Senate Bill 566, which was passed by the General Assembly and will be signed by me on May 25, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 617.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

House Bill No. 617

AN ACT concerning

~~Critical Area~~ — Construction of Piers and Bulkheads - Consolidated Permit Process  
State and Local Regulation

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources, ~~in consultation with certain agencies, to design and implement a consolidated permitting mechanism for construction and major repair of piers and bulkheads in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and adjacent waters and wetlands; establishing certain requirements for the permitting mechanism, including a consolidated application process delegated from State and federal agencies, and administration at the local level; requiring review and approval mechanisms to be uniform to the extent possible; requiring the Department to study and report by a certain date to the Governor and the General Assembly on the implementation of development of the consolidated permitting mechanism under this Act; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to pier and bulkhead construction and repair in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and adjacent waters and wetlands~~ and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission jointly to review existing regulations applicable to the construction of piers and bulkheads in certain areas of the State; requiring the Department and the Commission to develop a certain procedure to avoid a certain regulatory duplication by the State and local jurisdictions; providing that a certain procedure recognize a certain State and local jurisdictional authority for certain purposes; and generally relating to State and local regulation of piers and bulkheads.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 9-101(a) and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources