

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall apply to and be construed to affect personnel of the Public Service Commission and the Office of People's Counsel in positions in existence on or after July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 648

(House Bill 888)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources - Transferable Development Rights - Rural Legacy Program

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Rural Legacy Board in the Department of Natural Resources to transfer certain development rights from certain Rural Legacy Areas to certain areas within a priority funding area in a certain manner; authorizing that certain funds may be used for the purchase of certain development rights in certain situations; providing that certain information be contained in the instrument of purchase of certain development rights; requiring counties to submit certain information to the Board for certain purposes; providing that certain funds may be used to purchase transferable development rights in a county under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Rural Legacy Board from making a certain determination solely on the basis of certain considerations; requiring the Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Commission and the State Office of Planning to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; restricting how transferable development rights may be resold through the Rural Legacy Program; providing for the allocation of proceeds derived from the transfer of development rights; ~~modifying a criteria for the Board to consider when evaluating the overall quality and completeness of a Rural Legacy Plan;~~ defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the transfer of development rights from Rural Legacy Areas.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 5-9A-01, 5-9A-02, 5-9A-04, and 5-9A-05

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 5-9A-03