(F) This section does not apply to a violation of  $\S 11-512$ ,  $\S 11-513$ , or  $\S 11-514$  of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 22, 2003.

## **CHAPTER 415**

(House Bill 256)

AN ACT concerning

## Smart Growth - Priority Funding Areas - Designation by Two or More Counties

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing bodies of two or more counties to designate a priority funding area under the State Smart Growth law State smart growth laws that is made up of contiguous areas located in each of the designating counties; requiring the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Commission Department of Planning to develop and adopt regulations on or before a certain date to govern the designation of a priority funding area under this Act; requiring that the designating county governments comply with certain certification requirements relating to Smart Growth smart growth; requiring that the Department of Planning include areas designated under this Act within a certain map; requiring certain certification by the county governments; authorizing a State funding agency to give priority consideration to funding a project in a priority funding area designated by two or more county governments; and generally relating to priority funding areas designated by two or more county governments under the Smart Growth law State smart growth laws.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 5-7B-03 and 5-7B-08

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

## **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

5-7B-03.

(a) (1) The governing body of a county may designate priority funding areas as provided in this section.