

certain provisions regarding land use in the critical area and certain tributaries of the Atlantic Coastal Bays; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; altering certain definitions; prohibiting certain applications of this Act; providing for a certain calculation of a certain growth allocation in a certain area; providing for certain development conditions for certain planned unit developments under a certain circumstance; and generally relating to establishment and enforcement of a comprehensive State and local resource management program for certain land areas critical to the quality and productivity of the tidal waters of the Atlantic Coastal Bays and its tributaries.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-1801, 8-1802, 8-1803, 8-1804, 8-1806, 8-1807, 8-1808, 8-1808.1, 8-1808.2, 8-1808.3, 8-1809, 8-1810, 8-1811(a), 8-1812(a), 8-1813, 8-1815.1, and 8-1817

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-1808.8, 8-1808.9, and 8-1813.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article - Environment~~

~~Section 16-201 and 16-304~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)~~

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

**Article - Natural Resources**

8-1801.

(a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) The Chesapeake [Bay and its] AND THE ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS AND THEIR tributaries are natural resources of great significance to the State and the nation;

(2) The shoreline and adjacent lands constitute a valuable, fragile, and sensitive part of this estuarine system, where human activity can have a particularly immediate and adverse impact on water quality and natural habitats;