Article, a report to the fiscal committees of the General Assembly on the impact to the Transportation Trust Fund and economic benefits of this Act no later than October 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.

CHAPTER 546

(House Bill 1345)

AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program – Dwelling Units

FOR the purpose of requiring a local jurisdiction to include all dwelling units in calculating a certain dwelling unit density ratio under the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program, with a certain exception; defining the term "dwelling unit" as it applies to the critical area program; authorizing a local jurisdiction to consider one additional dwelling unit as part of a primary dwelling unit under certain circumstances and for certain purposes; providing for the construction of this Act; prohibiting the separate subdivision or conveyance of certain dwelling units under certain circumstances; requiring a local jurisdiction to maintain certain records and to report to the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic and Coastal Bays on a certain basis; requiring the Commission to report to certain legislative committees on a certain basis; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to dwelling units in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Natural Resources
    Section 8–1802(a) and 8–1808.1(e)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to clarify the definition of "dwelling unit" and to include all structures meeting that definition for the purpose of density calculations in the resource conservation area of the critical area; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly realizes that, subject to certain limitations and local discretion, some local governments may prefer to provide a degree of