

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved April 9, 1991.

CHAPTER 48

(Senate Bill 114)

AN ACT concerning

Water Resources Administration – Consolidated Review, Notice, and Hearing Process

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Director of the Water Resources Administration to establish a consolidated process to modify procedures and notice and hearing requirements in certain instances where an activity requires more than 1 permit, license, or approval from the Administration; and establishing certain minimum requirements for the consolidated process.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 8-201(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

8-201.

(E) (1) ~~WHERE~~ IF AN ACTIVITY REQUIRES MORE THAN 1 PERMIT, LICENSE, OR APPROVAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATION, THE DIRECTOR MAY ESTABLISH A CONSOLIDATED PROCESS TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES AND NOTICE AND HEARING REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 6, TITLE 7, TITLE 8, SUBTITLES 8 AND 12, AND TITLE 9 OF THIS ARTICLE IN ORDER TO ENSURE EFFICIENT REVIEW AND CONSISTENT DECISION MAKING.

(2) IF THE DIRECTOR ESTABLISHES A CONSOLIDATED PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW OF AN ACTIVITY THAT REQUIRES MORE THAN 1 PERMIT, LICENSE, OR APPROVAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATION, THE CONSOLIDATED PROCESS SHALL ADHERE AT LEAST TO THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC NOTICE AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL PERMIT, LICENSE, OR APPROVAL FOR THAT ACTIVITY.