

in (i), and erroneous cross-references in (m) and (s).

Occurred: Ch. 255, § 1, Acts of 1991.

5-1602.

(b) The provisions of this subtitle do not apply to:

(5) The cutting or clearing of public utility rights-of-way or land for electric generating stations licensed pursuant to §§ 54A and 54B or § 54-I of Article 78 of the Code, provided that:

(i) Any required certificates of public convenience and necessity have been issued in accordance with [§ 5-1604(f)] § 5-1603(F) of this subtitle; and

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Erroneous cross-reference in § 5-1602(b)(5)(i) of the Natural Resources Article.

Occurred: Ch. 255, § 1, Acts of 1991.

5-1603.

(a) (1) A unit of local government having planning and zoning authority shall develop a local forest conservation program, consistent with the intent, requirements, and standards of this subtitle.

[(1)](2) By April 30, 1992 all units of government with planning and zoning authority shall submit a proposed forest conservation program, which meets or is more stringent than the requirements and standards of this subtitle, to the Department for its review and approval.

[(2)](3) A unit of local government which has an existing program of forest conservation, or subsequently adopts such a program prior to December 31, 1992, may continue to administer its program prior to approval by the Department of the local forest conservation program.

[(3)](4) A municipality which has planning and zoning authority may, with the concurrence of the county and the Department, assign its obligations under this subtitle to the county by December 31, 1991.

(c) (1) All units of local government with planning and zoning authority shall submit to the Department, by December 31, 1992, their adopted forest conservation program which meets or is more stringent than the requirements and standards of this subtitle.

[(1)](2) A local forest conservation program, which has been approved by the Department, shall include: