

CHAPTER 740

(House Bill 1254)

AN ACT concerning

**The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority and the Maryland System of
Recognized and Certified Heritage Areas**

FOR the purpose of clarifying the procedure for adoption of certified heritage area management plans; clarifying the number of heritage areas that may be certified; repealing a sunset provision on certain uses of certain funds in the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund; and generally relating to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Financial Institutions

Section 13-1111 and 13-1114

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Financial Institutions

13-1111.

(a) (1) The Authority may consider proposals submitted by the local jurisdictions within a recognized heritage area to designate recognized heritage areas as certified heritage areas.

(2) The sponsoring local jurisdictions shall prepare a proposal that includes a management plan for the recognized heritage area.

(3) The local jurisdictions shall develop the management plan in cooperation and consultation with the Authority and relevant private interests.

(4) On approval of the management plan by the Authority AND ALL LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE RECOGNIZED HERITAGE AREA:

(i) The Authority shall designate the recognized heritage area as a certified heritage area; and

(ii) The management plan shall be the plan for purposes of implementing the certified heritage area for both the State and local jurisdictions.

(b) The Authority shall adopt regulations that specify the criteria and procedures for the consideration and adoption of a proposed management plan.

(c) The Authority may not designate more than two recognized heritage areas as certified heritage areas [in] FOR each fiscal year.