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Article – Business Regulation
Section 8–506
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources
Section 5–421(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–1801, ~~8–1802(a)(15) through (18)~~ 8–1802(a)(13) through (23), 8–1806,
8–1807(a) and (b), 8–1808(c), (d), and (e), 8–1808.1(c) and (e)(2)(i),
8–1808.3, ~~8–1809(h) and (i)(1)~~ 8–1809(o)(1), 8–1811(b)(2), 8–1815(a), and
8–1815.1(b)
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Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–1802(a)(1)
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Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–1802(a)(15), 8–1808.10, and 8–1808.11
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Preamble

WHEREAS, Following extensive research and the issuance of a report by the United States Environmental Protection Agency that clearly demonstrated an alarming extent of degradation of the Chesapeake Bay, in significant part because of prominent land use and growth patterns, the Critical Area Commission was created in 1984 in order to preserve and restore water quality in the State, to maintain valued wildlife habitat, and to accommodate inevitable growth, and these same legislative concerns were addressed in 2002 when the protections of the Critical Area Program were expanded to include the Atlantic Coastal Bays; and