

terest and costs, on account of the injury to, or death of, more than one person, in any one accident, provided that the applicable maximum amount or the amount of the judgment, whichever is smaller, shall be reduced by the total of amounts referred to in subsection (b) of Section 162.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect April 1, 1965.

Approved April 7, 1964.

CHAPTER 82

(Senate Bill 25)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 6 through 13, inclusive, of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1963 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," sub-title "In General," sub-heading "Department of Tidewater Fisheries," and to enact new Sections 6 through 13-L, inclusive, in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed, and to be under the new sub-heading "Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs," to create a Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs in place of the present Department of Tidewater Fisheries, to create a Commission advisory to the Department, and to provide for the powers, duties and employees of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, and relating generally to the planning, development and management of the Chesapeake Bay, other tidal waters and shores and of related resources.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 6 through 13, inclusive, of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1963 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," sub-heading "Department of Tidewater Fisheries," be and they are hereby repealed, and that new sections 6 through 13-L, inclusive, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections so repealed, and to be under the new sub-heading "Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs," and all to read as follows:

Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs

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(a) *It is the intention of the General Assembly in the enactment of this subheading that the planning, development, management and conservation of the Chesapeake Bay and all other tidal waters and the shoreline and bottoms thereof are the proper responsibilities of the State of Maryland.*

(b) *In order to assure that these responsibilities will be carried out in a manner which will best serve the economic growth and social needs of the State, there is hereby created a Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs. The Department shall assume all functions and responsibilities previously exercised by the Commission and Department of Tidewater Fisheries, and shall have, in addition, such new functions and responsibilities as are assigned to it in this subtitle.*