

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to repeal any law relating to immunity from personal liability of the directors or officers of a public drainage association.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 29, 1984.

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CHAPTER 794

(Senate Bill 664)

AN ACT concerning

Environmental Protection - Chesapeake Bay - Critical Areas

FOR the purpose of preserving, protecting, and improving the water quality ~~and natural habitats, and scenic character~~ of the Chesapeake Bay and certain tributaries and streams by designating certain lands and waters as critical areas that require especially sensitive consideration with regard to development; making certain legislative findings; defining certain terms; creating a ~~15-member~~ Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission with certain membership to establish certain criteria to be implemented by certain local governments regarding development in critical areas; providing for the appointment and terms of Commission members; providing for staff support and the appointment of a chairman and executive director; placing the Commission in the Department of Natural Resources for organizational purposes only; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain rules and regulations and conduct hearings; designating certain areas of lands and waters to be included in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, subject to exclusion of certain types of land after certain findings are made; requiring that the Commission adopt criteria by a certain date to be used in approving a critical area protection program that may be submitted by a local jurisdiction; requiring that every part of the Chesapeake Bay critical area be subject to an approved critical area protection program by a certain date; providing that the criteria of the Commission shall designate a certain buffer area and specifying certain activities that may or may not be permitted; providing that the criteria of the Commission contain certain minimum requirements ~~but--must--allow--local--jurisdictions--to--propose existing--developed--areas--that--would--be--exempt--from--some--or all--of--the--provisions--of--its--critical--area--protection program~~; establishing certain procedures and standards for the approval by the Commission of a proposed critical area