

Chapter 85

(House Bill 129)

AN ACT concerning

Public Ethics – Chesapeake Bay Trust – Exemptions and Conflict of Interest Provisions

FOR the purpose of providing that the trustees and employees of the Chesapeake Bay Trust are exempt from the provisions of the Public Ethics Law subject to the adoption of certain conflict of interest provisions for nonprofit organizations; requiring the Trust to keep on file and make available for public inspection certain conflict of interest provisions; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to public ethics and the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Natural Resources
Section 8–1910
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

8–1910.

(a) **(1)** Except as provided in [subsection (b) of this section] **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, in exercising its powers, the Trust:

[(1)] (I) Is exempt from the provisions of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the provisions of Division I of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that govern the State Personnel Management System, and the provisions of Division II and Title 37 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article; and

[(2)] (II) May carry out its corporate purposes without obtaining the consent of any department, board, or agency of the State.

[(b)] (2) The Trust is subject to the provisions of the State Finance and Procurement Article to the extent of State appropriations or contracts or grants from a unit of State government, if any.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TRUST ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC ETHICS LAW.

(2) (I) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT PROVISIONS TO GOVERN THE PUBLIC ETHICS OF THE TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TRUST RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

(II) THE TRUST SHALL KEEP ON FILE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE TRUST A WRITTEN COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.