

HOUSE BILL 993

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Public Waters – Public Right to Use and Enjoy**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to protect and
4 enhance the public's right to use recreationally and enjoy the Chesapeake Bay
5 and other public waters; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to
6 public waters.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Natural Resources
9 Section 8–202(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 8–202.

16 (a) **(1)** The Department shall be responsible for [planning]:

17 **(I) PLANNING**, development, management, and conservation of
18 the Chesapeake Bay and any other tidal waters, including their shoreline and bottom,
19 and any resources associated with these waters[. Also, the]; **AND**

20 **(II) PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO**
21 **USE RECREATIONALLY AND ENJOY THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND OTHER PUBLIC**
22 **WATERS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE** Department may:

2 **[(1) (I)]** Plan and develop public recreational facilities in or on the
3 waters of the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters;

4 **[(2) (II)]** Assist other State units to plan public recreational facilities
5 for the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal waters;

6 **[(3) (III)]** Cooperate with other units to carry out measures to protect
7 tidal water fronts and waterways of the State against erosion and deposit; and

8 **[(4) (IV)]** Act for the State to develop further navigation aids and
9 improvement of waterways in the Chesapeake Bay and other tidal water areas of the
10 State.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2013.