

SENATE BILL 73

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program – Renaming**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program to be the
4 Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Program;
5 and generally relating to renaming the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

7 Article – Natural Resources

8 Section 3–302(a)(1) and 8–1913(a)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Natural Resources

13 Section 3–302(d)(3); and 8–1913(f), 8–1914(a), 8–1917(a), and 8–1919(b) to be under
14 the amended part “Part II. Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Chesapeake
15 Conservation and Climate Corps Program”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
4 Article – State Government
5 Section 21–206(a)(1)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Government
10 Section 21–206(f)(3)(iv)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., served in the House of Delegates from 1971
15 to 1975 and in the Senate from 1975 to 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., was the longest serving State Senate
17 President in America’s history, having served as Maryland Senate President from 1987 to
18 2020 during his 49 years of service in the General Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., worked in a bipartisan manner to pass
20 meaningful legislation; and

21 WHEREAS, Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., had a passion for the Chesapeake Bay and
22 for education, and was active with the Chesapeake Bay Trust family since 1985 when it
23 was established by the Maryland General Assembly to engage people in the protection and
24 restoration of natural resources; and

25 WHEREAS, Chapters 257 and 276 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010,
26 sponsored by Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., established the Chesapeake Conservation Corps
27 Program and directed the Chesapeake Bay Trust to administer the Program; and

28 WHEREAS, To continue the memory and honor of Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., and
29 his positive influence on the Chesapeake Bay; now, therefore,

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

32 **Article – Natural Resources**

33 3–302.

34 (a) (1) There is an Environmental Trust Fund.

1 (d) (3) The Chesapeake Bay Trust shall receive \$375,000 from the Fund each
2 fiscal year for the purpose of funding energy conservation projects through the **THOMAS**
3 **V. MIKE MILLER, JR.**, Chesapeake Conservation **AND CLIMATE** Corps Program, as
4 provided under §§ 8–1913 through 8–1924 of this article.

5 Part II. **THOMAS V. MIKE MILLER, JR.**, Chesapeake Conservation **AND CLIMATE**
6 Corps Program.

7 8–1913.

8 (a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (f) “Corps Program” means the **THOMAS V. MIKE MILLER, JR.**, Chesapeake
10 Conservation **AND CLIMATE** Corps Program established under § 8–1914 of this part.

11 8–1914.

12 (a) There is a **THOMAS V. MIKE MILLER, JR.**, Chesapeake Conservation **AND**
13 **CLIMATE** Corps Program administered by the Trust, in consultation with the Corps Board.

14 8–1917.

15 (a) (1) The Trust, in consultation with the Corps Board, shall make grants to
16 qualified organizations for the creation or expansion of full- and part-time **THOMAS V.**
17 **MIKE MILLER, JR.**, Chesapeake Conservation **AND CLIMATE** Corps Programs, that
18 involve citizens of all ages throughout the State, to carry out this part.

19 (2) Corps programs shall engage and develop volunteers and stipend
20 volunteers in environmental and energy conservation projects.

21 (3) Eligible Corps Program expenses include personnel costs, stipends,
22 supplies, and other materials for projects undertaken by Corps Program volunteers.

23 8–1919.

24 (b) The Trust shall convene **THOMAS V. MIKE MILLER, JR.**, Chesapeake
25 Conservation **AND CLIMATE** Corps Program participants on a regular basis in order to:

26 (1) Promote team building among the participants;

27 (2) Develop an understanding of the overall Corps Program purpose;

28 (3) Share information about best practices;

29 (4) Recognize excellence; and

1 (5) Provide training and other learning opportunities.

2 **Article – State Government**

3 21–206.

4 (a) (1) There is a Maryland Service Year Option Pathway in the Program.

5 (f) (3) Appropriations made under paragraph (1) of this subsection and other
6 funding received by the Department for the MSY Pathway under this section shall be used
7 to:

8 (iv) cover programmatic expenses to expand service opportunities
9 throughout the State, including expanding the **THOMAS V. MIKE MILLER, JR.**,
10 Chesapeake Conservation **AND CLIMATE** Corps Program, as provided under §§ 8–1913
11 through 8–1924 of the Natural Resources Article.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.