



*Larry Hogan, Governor*  
*Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor*  
*Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary*  
*Allan Fisher, Deputy Secretary*

**Bill Number:** HB 1300

**Short Title:** Beach Erosion Control District- State and City Owned Structures

**Department's Position:** Support

**Explanation of Department's Position**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (Department or DNR) supports HB 1300.

When DNR was contacted about the proposed expansion of the Ocean City Lifesaving Museum in 2017, our department evaluated the request. After careful review, we informed the Town of Ocean City that our approval of the project was contingent on a legislative change to Section 8-1102 of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Although the project will not alter the Beach Erosion Control District (District), it does involve a prohibited activity, which is placement of a permanent structure within the District.

Based on the initial information provided, the Department does not believe the structure would impact the current natural environment. The change in the above cited 8-1102 would allow us to further review the request to ensure there is no significant permanent environmental damage to the District.

For any additional information, please feel free to contact our Legislative and Constituent Services Director, Bunky Luffman.