



## BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Land Use

Bill: 20-0624

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### Baltimore City Critical Area Management Program - Conforming Certain Provisions to New State Mandates

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**Sponsor:** Council President (Department of Planning)

**Introduced:** October 5, 2020

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of amending, in accord with a recent mandate of the Critical Area Commission, the definitions of "Buffer" and "Critical Area" and the provisions governing "Designation of the Critical Area"; and providing for a special effective date.

**Effective:** The date it is enacted

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#### Agency Reports

Planning Commission	Favorable with Amendment
Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals	No Objection
City Solicitor	

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#### Analysis

**Current Law**

Article 32 – Zoning, Sections 7-402(b) and (c) and 7-403. Baltimore City Code (Edition 2000).

Critical Area Management Program Manual (2020 Edition), Sections 13.1 (“Buffer) and 13.1 (“Critical Area”) (As enacted by Ordinance 20-374).

### **Background and Bill Summary**

Ordinance 20-374, enacted in June 2020, revised various provisions of the Zoning Code governing the Critical Area Overlay Zoning District, adopted a new Critical Area Program Map, and adopted a new Critical Area Management Program Manual. This bill would amend sections 7-402(b) and (c) and 7-403 of the Zoning Code, as well as the new Critical Area Management Program Manual, to comply with a mandate of the Maryland Critical Area Commission to revise the definitions of “Buffer” and “Critical Area” and the provisions governing “Designation of the Critical Area.”

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### **Additional Information**

**Fiscal Note:** Not Available

**Information Source(s):** Reporting Agencies, Bill 20-0624.

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