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CHAPTER 618

(House Bill 650)

AN ACT concerning

State Wetlands - Definitions

FOR the purpose of including certain storm drainage projects within the definition of "filling", for the purpose of requiring a State wetlands license for certain storm drainage projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 9-101(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

9-101.

(g) "Filling" means either the displacement of navigable water by the deposition into State or private wetlands of soil, sand, gravel, shells, or other materials, or the artificial alteration of navigable water levels by any physical structure, drainage ditch, or otherwise. ~~IT "FILLING" ALSO INCLUDES STORM DRAIN PROJECTS WHICH FLOW INTO THE RESULT IN A FLOW DIRECTLY TO TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE, OR WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE DEPOSIT OF SEDIMENT INTO THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE. FLOW DIRECTLY INTO TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE DRAINAGE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

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