

## CHAPTER 504

## (House Bill 493)

AN ACT concerning

**Environment – Hazardous Material Security**

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Department of the Environment to establish~~ establishing a certain fees fee for certain hazardous material and related facilities; providing for the payment of certain fees to a separate account in the Community Right-to-Know Fund; specifying certain uses of certain funds deposited to the Fund; requiring owners, lessees, and operators of certain facilities involving certain hazardous materials to analyze the security at their facilities in accordance with certain standards, report certain ~~measures~~ information, and pay a fee to the Department of the Environment on or before certain dates; exempting counties and municipal corporations from the requirement to submit certain fees; requiring the Department to ~~approve~~ adopt a certain code or set of standards; requiring the Department to conduct certain audits of certain facilities; requiring the Department to report certain violations to the Department of State Police for enforcement; providing for the confidentiality of certain documents except under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from knowingly submitting certain false information; establishing certain penalties for violations of this Act; defining certain terms; providing that this Act does not ~~affect the availability of other penalties and remedies~~ relieve a facility from any other reporting requirement; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations by a certain date; ~~prohibiting the Department from adopting certain regulations~~; authorizing requiring the Department of State Police, in consultation with the Department, to adopt certain regulations by a certain date; providing that this Act does not apply in local jurisdictions that adopt standards that are at least as stringent as certain standards required by this Act; making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to the reporting and regulation of certain hazardous materials and related facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 7-604

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 7-701 through ~~7-710~~ 7-709, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle  
“Subtitle 7. Hazardous Material Security”

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