

in subsections (a) and (b) OF THIS SECTION.

8-1502.

The Attorney General shall take charge of, prosecute, and defend on behalf of the State every case arising under the provisions of this [title] TITLE, including the recovery of penalties, except for prosecution of violations of the provisions of Subtitle 7 OF THIS TITLE and regulations adopted [thereunder] UNDER SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS TITLE.

8-1601.

(b) The General Assembly declares that the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries (within the tidewater portions [thereof] OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES) are a great natural asset and resource to the State and its counties. Portions of these areas are threatened with inundation by the unconfined dumping of vast quantities of spoil from dredging operations within Baltimore Harbor and certain dumpings of sewage sludge. This inundation and unconfined dumping will pollute and despoil valuable portions of the bottomland in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidewater tributaries and be grossly harmful to fish and marine life in these and adjacent waters, to use for recreation, and to the economic and social life of the people of this State.

8-1602.

(a) A person may not dump, deposit, or scatter in an unconfined manner spoil from Baltimore Harbor[,] into or onto any portion of the water or bottomland of the Chesapeake Bay or of the tidewater portions of any of [its] THE CHESAPEAKE BAY'S tributaries outside of Baltimore Harbor. However, the spoil may be redeposited in contained areas approved by the Department.

(b) A person may not dump, deposit, or scatter in an unconfined manner Baltimore County tributary spoil into or onto any portion of the water or bottomland of the Chesapeake Bay or of the tidewater portions of any of [its] THE CHESAPEAKE BAY'S tributaries within 5 miles of the Hart-Miller-Pleasure Island chain in Baltimore County.

(c) A person may not dump, deposit, scatter, or release sewage sludge by any means, including discharge from a sewer or pipe, into or onto any portion of the water or bottomland of the Chesapeake Bay or of the tidewater portions of any of the CHESAPEAKE BAY'S tributaries within 5 miles of the Hart-Miller-Pleasure Island chain in Baltimore County.

8-1602.1.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, only spoil from the excavation or dredging of Baltimore Harbor, its approach [channels] CHANNELS, and Baltimore County tributary spoil from an approved dredging project in any of the Baltimore County tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay may be redeposited in a contained area described in subsection (a) of this section.

8-1603.