

that certain arresting officers must notify the Department of certain accusations; authorizing the Department to enter and inspect certain vessels or barges under certain circumstances; increasing certain penalties; specifying that in addition to certain other penalties certain persons responsible for a discharge or spill of oil exceeding a certain amount shall also be liable for a certain amount for each gallon discharged or spilled; limiting the liability of certain persons for certain damages under certain circumstances; altering certain definitions; making provisions of this Act severable; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the prevention of and response to certain discharges of oil.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 4-401, 4-405, 4-406, 4-407, 4-408, 4-410, 4-411, 4-415.1, 4-417, and 4-418

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 4-419

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Environment

4-401.

(a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Discharge” means the addition, introduction, leaking, spilling, or emitting any oil to State waters or the placing of any oil in a location where it is likely to reach State waters.

(c) (1) “Oil” means oil of any kind and in any liquid form including:

- (i) Petroleum;
- (ii) Petroleum by-products;
- (iii) Fuel oil;
- (iv) Sludge containing oil or oil residues;
- (v) Oil refuse;
- (vi) Oil mixed with waste;
- (vii) Crude oils;