

evidence of financial responsibility for certain underground storage tanks; ~~authorizing the Department to suspend enforcement of certain requirements for certain persons under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; making this Act an emergency measure~~ defining certain terms; and generally relating to the regulation and enforcement of underground oil storage tanks.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 4-401(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Environment

Section 4-401(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 4-409

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, In 1988, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted regulations requiring the owner or operator of underground storage tanks to demonstrate financial responsibility for the costs of potential discharges;~~

~~WHEREAS, The purpose of these financial responsibility requirements is to assure that funds will be available to pay for cleanup and third party liability;~~

~~WHEREAS, In 1989, the Governor's Task Force on Underground Storage Tanks was appointed to study problems of underground storage tanks and propose legislative solutions;~~

~~WHEREAS, The Governor's Task Force has found that financial insurance mechanisms are available to all EPA established categories of tank owners or operators;~~

~~WHEREAS, The Governor's Task Force has recommended that the State not establish a State insurance fund for underground storage tanks at this time; now, therefore;~~

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