

(Senate Bill 430)

AN ACT concerning

Chesapeake Bay - Dumping

FOR the purpose of requiring the [[Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene and Natural Resources to inspect certain areas before and during the dumping of certain substances in them; making available the results of those inspections; and requiring that the dumping be terminated under certain circumstances]], Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with other appropriate agencies to monitor and evaluate certain dredge spoil operations at certain times and making monitoring data available to the public.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 8-1413.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 8-1413.1 be and it is hereby added to Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

8-1413.1.

[[ANY PERSON OR STATE AGENCY WHO PROPOSES TO DUMP, DEPOSIT, OR SCATTER SOIL, WASTE MATTER, MUCK, OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE DETRIMENTAL TO MARINE LIFE ANYWHERE IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, INCLUDING RIVER BOTTOMS AND BAYS, SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE. THE SECRETARIES SHALL INSPECT THE AREA BEFORE THE DUMPING, DEPOSITING, OR SCATTERING BEGINS, AND THEN TWICE WEEKLY FOR AS LONG AS IT CONTINUES. THE SECRETARIES SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE PROMPTLY TO ANYONE WHO REQUESTS IT ANY DATA RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE DUMPING, DEPOSITING, OR SCATTERING. IF SUBSTANCES DETRIMENTAL TO MARINE LIFE ARE TRACED TO THE DUMPING, IT SHALL BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY.]] THE DEPARTMENT IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES, SHALL EVALUATE AND MONITOR THE