

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 1-102(a), 1-104(j), 3-105(d), 3-111(a) and (b), 7-205(a)(1), 8-602(a) and (b), 8-603, 8-604, 8-605, 8-607(a), (b), (d), and (e), 8-611(a), 8-1101, 8-1103(a) and (b), 8-1103.1(b) and (d), 8-1104(b), 8-1105, 8-1105.1(a) and (b), 8-1106, 8-1203, 8-1210, 8-1401(e), 8-1402, 8-1404(b), 8-1405, 8-1406, 8-1407(a), 8-1408, 8-1410(b) through (d), 8-1411(c), (d), (f), and (g), 8-1411.1(d), (e), and (g), 8-1412, 8-1413(b) through (l), 8-1413.1, 8-1413.2, 8-1414, 8-1415, 8-1416(b), (d), and (e), and 8-1501(c)

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Section 8-1404(a)

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Preamble

WHEREAS, Presently there are overlapping environmental regulatory functions assigned to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and

WHEREAS, These overlapping functions have sometimes resulted in poor utilization of resources, confusion as to which department is responsible for particular functions, and the inability of the departments to carry out fully the environmental functions assigned to them; and

WHEREAS, The overlapping environmental regulatory functions involve water pollution control (including sediment and oil pollution control), water supply (including water well drilling), and hazardous substances control; and

WHEREAS, The State will be at a competitive disadvantage if it fails to better coordinate and administer its environmental regulatory functions, especially those functions involving the control and disposal of hazardous substances; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has been the department responsible for most of the State's environmental regulatory programs; and