CHAPTER 382

(House Bill 300)

AN ACT concerning

Oil Pollution Control - Duty to Report Discharge

FOR the purpose of requiring any person discharging or permitting the discharge of oil to report the incident to the Department of Natural Resources regardless of whether an appropriate federal authority is also notified; requiring the person to remain available until the Department gives clearance to leave; and generally relating to notification requirements concerning the discharge of oil.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 8-1410(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

8-1410.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this subtitle, any person discharging or permitting the discharge of oil, or who either actively or passively participates in the discharge or spilling of oil into the waters of the State either from a land-based installation, including vehicles in transit, or from any vessel, ship, or boat of any kind, shall report the incident immediately to the [appropriate federal authority or the] Department of Natural Resources[, or both]. He shall remain available until clearance to leave is given by the -{-appropriate officials-}--BEPARTMENT DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 24, 1983.