

compliance with requirements of this Act; authorizing the Department to reduce or waive certain penalties under certain circumstances; providing for judicial review of certain decisions under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to treat certain allowances allocated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the State in a certain manner; requiring certain facilities to submit, to the Department, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Public Service Commission, a certain compliance report by a certain date; requiring the Department to review certain information received in accordance with this Act; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing for certain administrative and civil penalties for certain violations; ~~providing for criminal and civil penalties for a violation~~ establishing certain allowance penalties for certain violations of this Act; requiring the Department to allow a certain affected facility to operate without complying with the requirements of this Act under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain affected facility from operating above certain emissions levels; requiring the Department to review the operations of an affected facility and establish a certain requirement by regulation under certain circumstances; requiring the Public Service Commission to expedite a certain review and approval or certificate of public convenience; ~~establishing a Maryland Carbon Reduction Fund in the Maryland Energy Administration; providing for the operation and maintenance of the Fund; providing that the Fund consists of certain fines and penalties, certain proceeds, and certain other money;~~ defining certain terms; requiring the Department to enter into a certain contract to conduct a certain study; requiring the Department to make a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the emissions of four pollutants from power plants.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 2-1001 through 2-1005, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Healthy Air Act”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utility Companies

Section 7-206

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to

~~Article – State Government~~

~~Section 9-2009~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)~~

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