

## Article – Environment

## Section 3–403

## Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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(a) The Department shall enforce the sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title.

(b) To the maximum extent possible, the Department shall use the facilities and services of appropriate agencies of political subdivisions in its enforcement under this section.

(c) The Department may assist the noise control efforts of any appropriate agency of any political subdivision by giving that agency technical assistance in the form of personnel or equipment.

(d) Each sound level limit shall be applied at the boundary of:

(1) A property; or

(2) A land use category, as determined by the Department.

(E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “QUALIFIED COUNTY” MEANS ANY COUNTY THAT HAS ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE STANDARDS, SOUND LEVEL LIMITS, OR NOISE CONTROL LAWS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 3–105 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN:

(I) AT LEAST TWO SOUND LEVEL METERS; AND

(II) CALIBRATION, AT ITS OWN COST, OF EACH OF THE SOUND LEVEL METERS IT MAINTAINS.

(3) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCEMENT BY A QUALIFIED COUNTY OF ITS ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE STANDARDS, SOUND LEVEL LIMITS, OR NOISE CONTROL LAWS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO A QUALIFIED COUNTY, ON THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY, A SOUND LEVEL METER THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS.

(4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND QUALIFIED COUNTIES FOR THE USE OF SOUND LEVEL METERS MAINTAINED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end