2,250,000

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three—fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1588 – Environment – Patuxent River Watershed.

This bill requires specified upgrades to specified sewage treatment plants in the Patuxent River watershed by specified dates under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 379, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1588.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

House Bill No. 1588

AN ACT concerning

Environment - Water Pollution Control Patuxent River Watershed

FOR the purpose of establishing the total maximum daily load for nitrogen within the Patuxent River Watershed as a certain number of pounds per day; maximum concentration level for nitrogen and phosphorus for certain discharges; altering the calculation of concentrations and weights of phosphorus and nitrogen for certain purposes; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that adjust the concentration and flow levels to ensure that the total daily load for nitrogen is not exceeded; requiring the Department to issue a permit to a sewage treatment plant with certain conditions; requiring a sewage