

FOR the purpose of prohibiting ~~political subdivisions in Allegany and Garrett counties~~ Allegany, Anne Arundel, Garrett, or Washington counties or political subdivisions of ~~Allegany, Anne Arundel, Garrett, or Washington counties~~ from adopting certain noise control ordinances, rules, or regulations that prohibit certain target shooting between certain hours by shooting sports clubs that are chartered and in operation by a certain date; authorizing ~~political subdivisions in Allegany and Garrett counties~~ Allegany, Anne Arundel, Garrett, or Washington counties or political subdivisions of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Garrett, or Washington counties to adopt certain noise control ordinances, rules, or regulations that prohibit certain target shooting between certain hours by shooting sports clubs that the Department of the Environment determines are not in compliance as of a certain date with certain standards, limits, or rules or regulations; requiring ordinances, rules, and regulations adopted under this Act to allow certain target shooting between certain hours by shooting sports clubs that the Department determines have become compliant with certain standards, limits, or rules; prohibiting the Department from adopting certain sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations prohibiting certain target shooting between certain hours in Allegany, Anne Arundel ~~and Garrett, Garrett, and Washington~~ counties at shooting sports clubs that are chartered and in operation by a certain date; authorizing the Department to adopt certain sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations that prohibit certain target shooting between certain hours by shooting sports clubs that the Department determines are not in compliance as of a certain date with certain standards, limits, or rules; requiring sound level limits and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this Act to allow certain target shooting between certain hours by shooting sports clubs that the Department determines have become compliant with certain standards, limits, or rules; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to sound level limits and noise controls at shooting sports clubs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 3-105(a) and 3-401(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

**Article – Environment**

3-105.

(a) (1) Except as provided in this section, this title does not limit the power of a political subdivision to adopt noise control ordinances, rules, or regulations.

(2) A political subdivision may not adopt any noise control ordinance, rule, or regulation that is less stringent than the environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise control rules and regulations adopted under this title.