

analysis that "the bill is overbroad and its intended purposes could be more appropriately served by a change in the Board's regulations," eliminating any risk of unintended consequences.

Finally, in a separate letter dated May 17, 2005, Ms. McDonald states her intention to provide the Board with new regulations that will return the fees to the 1994 level of \$50 for all spur channel projects. Spur channels are dredging projects that provide a single-family residential lot with access to a main channel dredging projects sponsored by political subdivisions. It is my understanding the sponsors' goal with Senate Bill 1005 was to protect citizens who purchase licenses for spur channels. I pledge to work with the sponsors of Senate Bill 1005 to address their concerns through the Board and regulations we promulgate.

For the above stated reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1005.

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

### **Senate Bill No. 1005**

AN ACT concerning

#### **Navigable Water - Licenses for Improvements to Land - Fee Limits**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Board of Public Works from requiring compensation exceeding a certain amount for a license issued for certain riparian structures or activities not intended to increase revenue to a commercial enterprise and for which a public hearing is not conducted; and generally relating to fee limits for licenses for improvements to land in front of navigable water.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Environment  
Section 16-205  
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**

16-205.

(a) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Board may require as a condition to issuance of a wetlands license that compensation be made to the State, of a kind and in an amount deemed appropriate by the Board.