

relating to penalties for violations of the Wetlands and Riparian Rights Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources
Section 9-501(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 9-502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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

Article - Natural Resources

9-501.

(c) In addition to any administrative penalty provided in this title, violation of ANY PROVISION OF ANY PERMIT OR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE OR OF any rule or regulation adopted by any unit within the Department [pursuant to] UNDER the provisions of this title is a misdemeanor and is punishable as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

9-502.

(A) IN LIEU OF THE STATE PROSECUTING A CRIMINAL ACTION UNDER ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT AGAINST ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY REGULATION, PERMIT, LICENSE, OR ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE.

(B) THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY-

~~(1) FIND THE VIOLATOR LIABLE TO THE STATE FOR A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 FOR THE VIOLATION, AND~~

~~(2) ISSUE AN INJUNCTION REQUIRING THE PERSON TO CEASE THE VIOLATION AND RESTORE THE AREA UNLAWFULLY DREDGED OR FILLED.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 29, 1984.
