

(A) (1) ANY PERSON WHO USES A CLEANING AGENT IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100.

(2) ANY PERSON WHO SELLS, DISTRIBUTES, OR MANUFACTURES A CLEANING AGENT IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEIZE ANY CLEANING AGENT HELD FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE. THE SEIZED CLEANING AGENTS ARE CONSIDERED FORFEITED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall review the experience of other jurisdictions that have phosphate bans to determine the expected impact of this Act on the various groups affected by this Act, examining, as a minimum, the expected impact of this Act on users of coin-operated laundries and owners of septic systems, and subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, the Secretary shall report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 1985. If the Secretary determines that a particular group or groups will experience a hardship as a result of the provisions of this Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations under § 9-1503(b)(2) of the Health - Environmental Article, as enacted by this Act, exempting that group or those groups from the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary shall, on or before April 1, 1986, assess the impact of this Act on the various groups affected by this Act to determine if any particular group has suffered a verifiable hardship. The Secretary, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, shall report to the General Assembly with a determination of whether any group or groups have suffered a verifiable hardship, addressing, as a minimum, the effect of this Act on users of coin-operated laundries and owners of septic systems. If the report identifies a group or groups that have suffered a verifiable hardship, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations under § 9-1503(b)(2) of the Health - Environmental Article, as enacted by this Act, exempting any group for which a verifiable hardship has been identified from the provisions of this Act.

SECTION -2- 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985. It shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years and, at the end of ~~June-30-~~1988 December 1, 1989, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 28, 1985.

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