

State of discharges of oil, petroleum products and their by-products, and the restoration of natural resources damaged by such discharges.

(3) Development of containment and clean-up equipment, plans, and procedures in accordance with the purposes of this section.

(4) Paying insurance costs by the State to extend or implement the benefits of the Fund.

(H) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH PRIMARY JURISDICTION OVER THIS SECTION WITH A STATUS REPORT ON THE FUND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 30, 1986.

Approved May 13, 1986.

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CHAPTER 609

(House Bill 541)

AN ACT concerning

Controlled Hazardous Substances - Regulation

FOR the purpose of defining a certain term in the controlled hazardous substance law; providing certain exceptions to the defined term; making technical changes; clarifying that certain laws and rules concerning liability, rights of contribution, and joinder of parties apply to the controlled hazardous substances law; providing that certain sections of this law be interpreted and applied to be consistent with the federal Act; prohibiting a person from treating a controlled hazardous substance except in a certain facility and in accordance with certain provisions of law; allowing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to acquire, by condemnation, certain land and facilities under certain circumstances and to recover the cost of acquiring them through condemnation from certain persons; providing for the apportionment of certain costs in certain legal actions; providing for the disposition of interests in land that are not needed for public purposes; altering the time in which the Department must hold certain hearings and render certain decisions; providing that the treating of a controlled hazardous substance except in certain facilities is a felony and subject to certain penalties; providing that this Act may not relieve any governmental units of certain other