

SECTION -4-- 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 1987.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved May 14, 1987.

CHAPTER 306

(Senate Bill 671)

AN ACT concerning

Reorganization of State Government -
Environmental Area

FOR the purpose of creating in the Executive Branch of Maryland government a new department to be known as the Department of the Environment; consolidating existing environmental regulatory programs into a single cabinet level agency; providing for the appointment of a Secretary of the Environment; providing that the Secretary shall be responsible for the operation and administration of the new department; providing for the appointment of a Deputy Secretary and other staff personnel as may be necessary to carry out the transferred functions; transferring certain environmental regulatory functions from the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to the new Department of the Environment; providing that the new department shall be responsible for certain programs involving sediment control, stormwater management, oil pollution control, well drilling, radiation control, hazardous and solid waste management, and air and water quality control; transferring certain environmental boards, commissions, and councils from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to the Department of the Environment; making certain technical changes; making provisions of this Act severable; providing certain employees with the option to transfer to certain other positions in State service; requiring the Executive Branch to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly; setting forth a certain intent of the General Assembly for the placement consideration of certain programs within the Department of the Environment; requiring the development of a certain policy towards the pesticide regulation and education; providing that the allocation of certain funds shall not be affected by certain delegations of duties and responsibilities to certain local officials; requiring