

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that there shall be grant money in the State Budget for fiscal year 1990 totaling at least \$500,000 to assist counties that have populations of less than 150,000 in the preparation of recycling plans. If these funds are not included in the budget for fiscal year 1990, a county with a population of less than 150,000 shall have until July 1, 1991 to develop a recycling plan under § 9-505 of the Environment Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1988.

Approved May 27, 1988.

CHAPTER 537

(Senate Bill 94)

AN ACT concerning

Environmental Health - Phosphate Ban - Repeal of Sunset

FOR the purpose of repealing the provision of law that terminates the ban on the use of phosphates in certain cleaning agents as of a certain date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 526 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1985, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986

Section 4

Preamble

WHEREAS, Recognizing the detrimental effect of phosphates on the Chesapeake Bay, in 1985, the General Assembly enacted legislation to ban the use of phosphates in cleaning agents; and

WHEREAS, The legislation banning the use of phosphates in cleaning agents has a termination date of December 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, A study by the Office of Environmental Programs of the discharge from sewage treatment plants before and after the ban on phosphate detergents shows that the ban has eliminated nearly one-quarter of all phosphorous going into the Chesapeake Bay from sewage treatment plants, and that local governments have