

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988, contingent on an appropriation of funds for fiscal year 1989 for respite care for individuals who are functionally disabled and who, prior to enactment of this Act, are ineligible for respite care, and if adequate funds for respite care for these functionally disabled individuals are not appropriated for fiscal year 1989, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

Approved May 27, 1988.

CHAPTER 639

(House Bill 189)

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources Offenses - Failure to Appear -
Prepayable Fines

FOR the purpose of clarifying the authority of the Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland to adopt a schedule of prepayable fines for the first offense misdemeanor violations of the Natural Resources Article; requiring certain notice to persons who fail to appear in court pursuant to a citation for violating certain sections of the Natural Resources Article; establishing a certain prepayable fine for failure to appear; authorizing the issuance of a warrant in certain circumstances; clarifying the legal effect of prepaying a fine; repealing the penalty of incarceration for certain first offense misdemeanor violations of the Natural Resources Article; limiting the prepayable fine to a certain amount; providing that defendants charged with certain misdemeanors may pay fines in lieu of appearing for trial; and generally relating to the adoption of a fine schedule for Natural Resources offenses.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 1-205(d) and 1-701
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources