

~~(H) -- BEFORE THE GRANTING OF A LEASE UNDER THIS SECTION, AN APPLICANT SHALL OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-1014(A) OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THAT SUBSECTION.~~

6-105:2 6-603.

ANY PERSON WHO DRILLS FOR OIL OR GAS IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY, ITS TRIBUTARIES, OR OTHER ON THE LANDS OR IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE IS STRICTLY LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES THAT OCCUR IN EXPLORATION, DRILLING, OR PRODUCING OPERATIONS OR IN THE PLUGGING OF THE PERSON'S OIL OR GAS WELLS, INCLUDING LIABILITY TO THE STATE FOR ANY ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if Chapter (H.B. 313) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1988 becomes law, this Act shall be construed to be consistent with that enactment and may not be interpreted to permit drilling for oil or gas in the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if Chapter (H.B. 296) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1988 becomes law, the requirements of this Act shall be construed to be in addition to the requirements of Chapter (H.B. 296) and not in substitution of the provisions of Chapter (H.B. 296).

SECTION ~~2-~~ 3. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 27, 1988.

CHAPTER 779

(House Bill 313)

AN ACT concerning

Oil and Gas Drilling in Chesapeake Bay

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from drilling for oil or gas in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources
Section 6-104.1
Annotated Code of Maryland