Article - Environment Section 7-221(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment Section 7-201(m), 7-221(b)(1), 7-222(a) 7-222, and 7-256(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Environment

7-201.

- (m) (1) "Hazardous substance" means any substance that:
- (i) Conveys toxic, lethal, or other injurious effects or which causes sublethal alterations to plant, animal, or aquatic life;
 - (ii) May be injurious to human beings; or
 - (iii) Persists in the environment.
- (2) "Hazardous substance" includes any matter identified as a "hazardous [waste] SUBSTANCE" by the Environmental Protection Agency.

7-221.

- (a) All expenditures from the State Hazardous Substance Control Fund made by the Department under § 7-220(b) of this subtitle in response to a release or a threatened release of a controlled hazardous substance at a particular site shall be reimbursed to the Department for the State Hazardous Substance Control Fund by the responsible person for the release or the threatened release.
- (b) (1) In addition to any other legal action authorized by this subtitle, the Attorney General may bring an action to recover costs AND INTEREST from any responsible person who fails to make a reimbursement as required under subsection (a) of this section.

7-222.