

CHAPTER 499

(House Bill 78)

AN ACT concerning

Sewage Sludge - Penalties

FOR the purpose of providing that certain violations of the sewage sludge statute are liable for certain civil penalties; authorizing the imposition of administrative civil penalties for violation of provisions of the sewage sludge statute including rules, regulations, orders, and permits issued under those laws; providing that before any action may be taken, the Department shall provide the alleged violator with a certain notice and an opportunity for a certain meeting; providing for certain dollar limitations on the amount of civil penalties; providing certain criteria to be used in assessing civil penalties under this Act; providing that funds collected under this Act go into the Sewage Sludge Utilization Fund; and generally relating to enforcement of certain laws regulating the utilization of sewage sludge.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment
Section 9-244(b)(1) and 9-269
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

9-244.

(b) (1) The Department shall credit all sewage sludge generator's fees, permit application fees, and funds that the Department collects under this Part III and [§] §§ 9-269 AND 9-270 of this subtitle[, as well as any penalty that a court imposes under § 9-269 of this subtitle,], AND ANY CIVIL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY OR FINE IMPOSED BY A COURT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE to the Sewage Sludge Utilization Fund.

9-269.