Underground Storage Tank Upgrade and Replacement Fund; prohibiting the use of certain funds after a certain date from the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund; requiring the Department of the Environment in conjunction with certain entities to study and make certain recommendations on certain oil cleanup issues by a certain date; providing certain funding for the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund for certain fiscal years; making stylistic changes; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to underground storage tank cleanup activities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 4-606(a) and 4-607 and 4-704

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

## Article - Environment

4-606.

- (a) To be eligible for a loan under this subtitle, an applicant shall:
- (1) Be in substantial compliance with all State and federal laws and regulations governing the installation, operation, and use of underground storage tanks; and
- (2) Submit a final application to the Department on or before [December 31, 1995] JUNE 30, 1998.

4-607.

- (a) Unless further action is taken by the General Assembly, no fee may be [collected] IMPOSED or any loan made under the provisions of or for the purposes of this subtitle, or in accordance with regulations adopted under this subtitle, after [June 30, 1996] DECEMBER 31, 1998.
- (b) On or after [July 1, 1996] DECEMBER 31, 1998 JANUARY 1, 1999, any funds remaining in the Underground Storage Tank Upgrade and Replacement Fund shall be credited to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund to be used by the Department for cases in which a responsible party cannot be located or the responsible party does not have sufficient assets to take adequate remedial action for:
  - (1) The clean-up and removal of an underground storage tank; or
  - (2) The clean-up of a petroleum release.