

the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund, the Underground Storage Tank Upgrade and Replacement Fund, and the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 4-411, 4-602, 4-606, 4-607, 4-705, and 4-706

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

4-411.

(a) In this section the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated.

(1) "Fund" means the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund.

(2) "Transfer" means the offloading or unloading of oil in the State from or to any commercial vessel, barge, tank truck, tank car, pipeline, or any other means used for transporting oil.

(3) "Barrel" means any measure of petroleum products or its by-products which consists of 42.0 U.S. gallons of liquid measure.

(b) A person other than a vessel or barge may not transfer oil in the State without a license.

(c) (1) A license required under this section shall be secured from the Department of the Environment subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section. The fee on any barrel shall be imposed only once, at the point of first transfer in the State. The license fee shall be:

(i) Based on a [0.75 cents] 1 CENT per barrel fee for oil transferred in the State and credited to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund; and

(ii) [Until July 1, 1996, based on an additional 5.0 cents per barrel fee for oil, except heating oil, transferred in the State and sold to oil marketing firms credited to the Underground Storage Tank Upgrade and Replacement Fund under Subtitle 6 of this title.] UNTIL JULY 1, 2000, BASED ON AN ADDITIONAL 0.5 CENTS PER BARREL FEE FOR OIL TRANSFERRED IN THE STATE AND CREDITED TO THE MARYLAND OIL DISASTER CONTAINMENT, CLEAN-UP AND CONTINGENCY FUND.

(2) The license fee shall be paid quarterly to the Department and on receipt by the Comptroller, credited to the proper fund. The licensee shall certify to the Department, on forms as may be prescribed by the Department, the number of barrels of