

3. THE FAILURE OF THE APPLICANT TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN A TIMELY MANNER; AND

(III) THE APPLICANT APPLIES TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE ESTIMATED TIME FOR ISSUANCE OF A TENTATIVE DETERMINATION.

(5) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL REVIEW THE REFUND REQUEST AND DETERMINE IF A REFUND OF ANY AMOUNT IS APPROPRIATE.

(6) IF THE SECRETARY DENIES THE REFUND REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE APPLICANT A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE DENIAL AND OF THE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS OUTSIDE THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT ON WHICH THE DENIAL WAS BASED WITHIN 60 DAYS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of the Environment shall submit a report to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee on or before November 1, 1998. The report shall include the following:

(a) The percentage of licenses and permits that were issued within the published review times required by § 1-607(a)(2) of the Environment Article;

(b) The number of refund requests received under § 1-607(b)(4) of the Environment Article;

(c) The number of refund requests received under § 1-607(b)(4) of the Environment Article that were denied by the Secretary of the Environment or the Secretary's designee;

(d) A summary of input from interested parties regarding the licensing and permitting processes; and

(e) Descriptions of the Department's activities to streamline and improve the licensing and permitting processes.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 640

(House Bill 19)

AN ACT concerning

Court Administration - Collection of Fees - Public-Private Partnership

FOR the purpose of establishing a pilot program to allow a private contractor to collect