

AREAS OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THOSE VESSELS CONGREGATE INCLUDING AREAS OF OVERNIGHT ANCHORING AND MOORING; AND

(2) IDENTIFY WATERS OF THE STATE THAT SUPPORT LIVING RESOURCES THAT ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE FROM BOATS, SHIPS, AND OTHER VESSELS, USING CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AND 40 C.F.R. § ~~140.1~~ 140.4.

(B) ON OR BEFORE ~~DECEMBER 1, 2000~~ APRIL 15, 2001, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR THE SAFE AND SANITARY REMOVAL AND TREATMENT OF SEWAGE FROM ALL VESSELS, AS DETERMINED UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, ARE REASONABLY AVAILABLE FOR THE SENSITIVE AREAS IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN COMPLYING WITH SUBSECTIONS (A)(2) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, IF APPROPRIATE, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON ANY SUGGESTED CHANGES TO EXISTING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department of Natural Resources shall report on or before January 1, 2000 to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs and House Environmental Matters Committees on the Department's strategies, including cooperative efforts with the United States Coast Guard, to improve boater compliance with State and federal laws governing marine sanitation.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 576**

**(Senate Bill 572)**

AN ACT concerning

**Agricultural Land Preservation - Sand and Gravel Pilot Program**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to establish a pilot program for the extraction of sand and gravel from certain land; providing certain components of the pilot program; providing for the adoption of certain regulations; requiring certain extractions of sand and gravel to be in accordance with certain provisions of law; requiring the Foundation to submit a certain report by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to agricultural land preservation and sand and gravel mining.