Senate Bill 323

AN ACT concerning

Public Right to Know - Air Quality Health Disclosure Information Ambient Air Monitoring Data - Public Access

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment, on and after a certain date, to provide the public with access to all ambient air monitoring data through the Internet; authorizing certain data to be provided in a certain form and requiring that the data include, at a minimum, all validated air monitoring data obtained during the current and previous calendar year for the 2 most recent years for which data are available; defining a certain term; and generally relating to public access to certain ambient air monitoring data requiring certain air monitoring data to be made publicly available in a certain manner by a certain date on or before a certain date and each year thereafter; allowing the data to be presented in a certain form; defining a term; and generally relating to air quality and information access.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article Environment

Section 1 101(a) and (d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Environment

Section 2-103.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

1 101.

- (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (d) "Department" means the Department of the Environment.

2-103.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DATA" MEANS MEASURED CONCENTRATIONS OF AIR POLLUTANTS, INCLUDING AIR POLLUTANTS FOR WHICH. THERE ARE NO <u>ESTABLISHED</u> AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS <u>OR EMISSION</u> <u>STANDARDS</u>, OBTAINED FROM <u>ANY AN</u> AMBIENT AIR <u>MONITORING STATION</u> <u>MONITOR</u> ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.