

Site Environmental Cleanup Fund and a certain date on which the fee expires; designating certain dates that site rehabilitation costs from contamination caused by releases from certain oil tanks may be eligible for reimbursement from certain funds; designating a certain percentage of revenues in the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund that shall be used for heating oil tank site rehabilitation; increasing the percentage of the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund that may be used by the Department for administration of obligations relating to the Fund; restricting certain tanks from eligibility for funding; providing that certain revenues from the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund be invested in interest bearing accounts with the accrued interest credited to certain Fund uses; authorizing owners or operators of certain tanks to apply for certain funds for reimbursement after a certain date and restricting reimbursements to certain limits per occurrence; exempting certain tanks from certain certifications; prohibiting from reimbursement from the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund certain costs for replacement or retrofitting of certain tanks; adding certain tanks for which the Department may, when it assumes control of an oil spill, be reimbursed from the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund; adding certain site rehabilitation costs that, when incurred by the Department, may be recovered from certain persons; authorizing the Secretary of the Environment to transfer certain funds reserved in the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund to fund other related activities for certain fiscal years; requiring the Secretary of the Environment to convene a work group to provide certain findings and recommendations; requiring the Department to report to certain committees of the legislature by a certain date or as designated by the Secretary of the Environment; prohibiting the Department from spending certain revenues derived from certain license fees altered under this Act until the Department satisfies a certain audit report recommendation; and generally relating to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund and the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 4-411, 4-704, 4-705, and 4-706

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 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.