

(3) Matching funds required under § 9003(h) of the Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act for the Federal Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program.

(b) The per occurrence deductible or limitation provided under § 4-705[(b)](D) of this subtitle does not apply to the reimbursement or guarantee to a contractor under this section.

(c) In order to encourage that site rehabilitation activities be undertaken by an owner, operator, or other person responsible for a discharge from an underground oil storage tank OR HEATING OIL TANK, any site rehabilitation costs including attorney's fees and litigation costs incurred by the Department or the Fund under this section shall be recoverable from the responsible party to the Fund.

(d) Recoveries collected under subsection (c) of this section shall be paid into the Fund.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That beginning in fiscal year 2001, notwithstanding the provisions of § 4-607(d)(3) of the Environment Article, the Secretary of the Environment shall be authorized to use \$300,000 per fiscal year, for fiscal year 2001, fiscal year 2002, fiscal year 2003, fiscal year 2004, and fiscal year 2005, from funds reserved under § 4-607(d)(3) of the Environment Article to fund activities as described in § 4-411(f) of the Environment Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the revenues derived from the changes to the license fee under § 4-411(c)(1) of the Environment Article as enacted by this Act may not be expended until the Department of the Environment has satisfied recommendation number 4 of the Legislative Audit Report for the period beginning July 1, 1996, and ending February 28, 1999, as pertaining to federal grants for the Oil Control Program.

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of the Environment shall convene a work group consisting of representatives of the various sectors of the petroleum marketing industry and representatives from appropriate public and private entities to review and assess long-term funding needs of the oil pollution programs in the State. Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department of the Environment shall report the findings and recommendations of the work group to the Legislative Policy Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee on a date to be determined by the Secretary, but no later than November 1, 2004.

SECTION 4 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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