

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 376

AN ACT concerning

Environment - Noise Inspectors

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to employ a certain number of noise inspectors to enforce certain sound level limits and noise control regulations; authorizing noise inspectors to issue civil citations for certain violations; establishing a maximum civil penalty that may be imposed on violators who are issued certain civil citations; providing that certain civil penalties are in addition to certain other penalties; and authorizing a right of appeal under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article - Environment

Section 3-403.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

3-403.1.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EMPLOY ~~THREE~~ TWO NOISE INSPECTORS TO ENFORCE THE SOUND LEVEL LIMITS AND NOISE CONTROL REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.

(B) A NOISE INSPECTOR EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A CIVIL CITATION TO A PERSON FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY SOUND LEVEL LIMIT OR NOISE CONTROL REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.

(C) (1) (I) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS TITLE OR A REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE AND IS ISSUED A CIVIL CITATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.

(II) THE CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS IN ADDITION TO PENALTIES AUTHORIZED UNDER § 3-406 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) ANY MONEY COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.