

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1317 – Environment – Dredged Material Management.

This bill prohibits a person from redepositing dredged material in an unconfined manner into or onto any portion of the water or bottomland of the Chesapeake Bay or of the tidewater portion of any of the Chesapeake Bay's tributaries except when used for a beneficial use project undertaken in accordance with State and federal laws. The bill establishes a limitation for the deposition of dredged material in contained areas. The bill also establishes an eight-member executive committee to provide oversight in the development of the State of Maryland's plans for dredged material management.

Senate Bill 830, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1317.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1317

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Dredged Material Management

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from redepositing dredged material in a certain manner except when used under certain circumstances; authorizing a person to redeposit a certain amount of dredged material after a certain date and under certain circumstances; establishing an Executive Committee to provide oversight in the development of plans for dredged material management; providing for the membership of the Executive Committee; providing for the frequency of meetings of the Executive Committee; requiring the Executive Committee to perform certain duties; requiring the Executive Committee to provide certain reports to the General Assembly in a certain manner and by certain dates; defining certain terms; modifying certain definitions; and generally relating to the management of dredged material.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 5-1101(a) and 5-1102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)