

specified permits issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment and establishes new streamlined procedures and deadlines for disposition of contested case proceedings.

House Bill 1229, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 848.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 848

AN ACT concerning

Environment - Permits - Contested Case Hearings

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to transmit a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of Administrative Hearings within a certain time period; requiring certain contested case hearings to be concluded and closed within a certain time period; requiring the administrative law judge to issue certain decisions within a certain time period; authorizing the extension of certain deadlines under certain circumstances; providing for the finality of certain decisions; providing that certain deadlines are mandatory and not directory; requiring the administrative law judge to dismiss certain requests for a contested case hearing under certain circumstances; requiring the administrative law judge to rule on certain motions within a certain time period; providing that certain decisions made by an administrative law judge under certain circumstances are not appealable; providing that certain decisions made by an administrative law judge under certain circumstances are final decisions and appealable; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the certain contested cases; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to contested case hearings for permits issued by the Department of the Environment.

BY repealing

Article - Environment

Section 1-606

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 1-605

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to