

1-103.

(b) (1) The Secretary is responsible for the budget of his office and for the budgets of the units within the Department.

(2) (I) UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE, THE SECRETARY MAY USE MONEY IN A FUND OR ACCOUNT CREATED UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATING TO THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND OR ACCOUNT UP TO AN AMOUNT CALCULATED UNDER A GENERALLY ACCEPTED METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING INDIRECT COSTS.

(II) THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT ANY CHANGES TO THE METHODOLOGY USED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE WITHIN 45 DAYS BEFORE IMPLEMENTING THE METHODOLOGY.

1-702.

(a) There is a State Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund.

1-703.

(a) (1) The Secretary may distribute not more than 5% of the net proceeds of the Fund to a promotional account to be used to promote further donations to the Fund.

(2) MONEYS IN THE FUND MAY BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 1-103(B)(2) OF THIS TITLE.

(b) After making the [distribution] DISTRIBUTIONS allowed under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary shall distribute the remainder of the net proceeds of the Fund as follows:

(1) 50% to the Chesapeake Bay Trust established under § 8-1901 of this article, to be used by the Trust only as provided in § 1-704 of this subtitle; and

(2) 50% to an endangered species account, to be used only to conserve nongame, threatened and endangered species as provided in § 1-705 of this subtitle.

3-302.

(a) There is an Environmental Trust Fund. For the purpose of this subtitle, there is established as an added cost of electricity distributed to retail electric customers within the State, an environmental surcharge per kilowatt hour of electric energy distributed in the State to be paid by any electric company as defined in § 1-101 of the Public Utility Companies Article. The Public Service Commission shall impose the surcharge per kilowatt hour of electric energy distributed to retail electric customers within the State and shall authorize the electric companies to add the full amount of the surcharge to retail electric customers' bills. To the extent that the surcharge is not collected from retail electric customers, the surcharge shall be deemed a cost of distribution and shall be allowed and computed as such, together