

CHAPTER 92

(Senate Bill 116)

AN ACT concerning

Environment - Applications for Licenses or Permits

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Department of the Environment to consider certain violations of certain statutory or regulatory provisions when considering whether to issue certain licenses or permits or to impose conditions on the issuance of certain licenses or permits; and generally relating to certain licenses and permits issued by the Department.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 1-203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

1-203.

(a) WHEN DECIDING WHETHER TO ISSUE A LICENSE OR PERMIT UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR TO IMPOSE A CONDITION ON THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT, THE DEPARTMENT ~~SHALL~~ MAY CONSIDER WHETHER THE APPLICANT HAS VIOLATED ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

(B) (1) A license or permit is considered renewed for purposes of this [section] SUBSECTION if the license or permit is issued by a unit of State government to a person for the period immediately following a period for which the person previously possessed the same or a substantially similar license.

[(b)] (2) Before any license or permit may be renewed under this article, the issuing authority shall verify through the office of the Comptroller that the applicant has paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or that the applicant has provided for payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved April 27, 2004.