

## CHAPTER 197

(House Bill 1227)

AN ACT concerning

**Commercial Incineration of ~~Hazardous Waste~~ Controlled Hazardous Substances -  
~~Moratorium on~~ Delay or Suspension of Issuance of a Permit Permits and Study of  
Operation**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Environment to convene a Controlled Hazardous Substances Task Force for certain purposes; ~~prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a certain permit related to the commercial incineration of hazardous waste for certain purposes for a certain time~~; ~~requiring the Department to convene a Commercial Hazardous Waste Incineration Task Force for certain purposes by a certain date, and providing for the membership of the Task Force~~; ~~requiring the Department of the Environment Task Force to report certain information to certain persons by a certain date~~; ~~providing for the staffing of the Task Force~~; making this Act an emergency measure; providing additional authority to delay or suspend issuance of certain permits until the Department may act upon certain recommendations has studied certain issues; providing for the termination of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to a certain moratorium on the delay or suspension of the issuance of a certain permit and a certain study permits regarding the commercial incineration of hazardous waste controlled hazardous substances.

## Preamble

WHEREAS, The interstate disposal of hazardous waste controlled hazardous substances, including the disposal capacity of the states, is an issue currently being examined by the Congress and by other states; and

WHEREAS, The federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") is undergoing review for reauthorization by the Congress; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is required by federal law to address the adequacy of its capacity to manage and dispose of hazardous waste controlled hazardous substances; and

WHEREAS, The management and disposal of hazardous waste controlled hazardous substances must be accomplished in a manner that protects the public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of the Environment is the lead State agency responsible for the regulation of hazardous waste controlled hazardous substances; and

WHEREAS, New methods of management and disposal of hazardous waste controlled hazardous substances are under consideration, which require further evaluation of their potential impact on public health and the environment; and