

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

Article - Environment

1-607.

(a) (1) This subsection applies to applications for all licenses and permits issued, or required to be reissued, by the Department.

(2) On or before January 1, 1998, and each year thereafter, in consultation with interested parties, the Department shall publish expected review times for each licensing and permitting program.

(3) On or before January 1, 1998, for each licensing and permitting program, the Department shall offer assistance and information to persons which may include:

(i) Written lists of information and materials required with applications;

(ii) Written lists of common application questions and mistakes;

(iii) Preapplication meetings with prospective applicant to address technical issues;

(iv) Written receipts to the applicant upon submission of an application; and

(v) The status of active applications.

(b) (1) This subsection applies to permits which are:

(I) [identified] IDENTIFIED in § 1-601(a) of this subtitle; OR

(II) ISSUED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 9 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) The Department shall provide to the applicant:

(i) A notice of completed application; or

(ii) If the Department determines that the application is incomplete, the reasons, in writing, that the application was determined to be incomplete.