

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 540
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Disposal -" insert "Use of Fund -"; in line 3, after "of" insert "altering the permissible use of the State Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund to include certain emergency operations;"; in line 9 strike "a" and substitute "the"; in the same line, after "date" insert "for a portion of this Act"; and in line 17, after "9-274" insert "and 9-275(a)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 8, insert:

"Article - Environment

9-275.

(a) Subject to the appropriation process in the annual operating budget, the Department shall use the State Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund solely:

(1) For removal, restoration, EMERGENCY, or remedial action, including the restoration of natural resources where feasible [and], site maintenance and monitoring, AND FIRE CESSATION, IF REQUESTED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR EACH FIRE CESSATION EMERGENCY ACTION IN THAT JURISDICTION, in response to the disposal or storage of scrap tires in violation of this subtitle, including:

(i) All costs incurred by the State in inspecting and monitoring any site where scrap tires are processed, stored, or disposed of in violation of this subtitle and assessing the threat to the public health and the environment of the site, the costs of investigations conducted for the purpose of defining necessary remedial action, and the costs of litigation expenses incurred in obtaining reimbursement for expenditures; and

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(ii) All costs incurred in providing public information concerning a site where scrap tires are processed, stored, or disposed of; and

(2) With the approval of the Board of Public Works, to provide financial assistance:

(i) Through the service for projects approved by the Department to reduce, recover, and recycle scrap tires; and

(ii) To the service for costs related to the implementation of scrap tire recycling systems, including the costs of:

1. Preparation of a scrap tire recycling system under § 9-228(e) of this subtitle;

2. Implementation of any program established by the service as a part of a scrap tire recycling system; and

3. Assisting in funding the establishment of a private or public scrap tire collection, processing, or recycling facility.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:”.

On page 5, strike lines 19 and 20 in their entirety, and substitute:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997, and Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.”.