

HOUSE BILL 1073

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Crude Oil Rail Transport – Risk Assessment and Accident**
3 **Prevention Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of
5 Health and Mental Hygiene to jointly study the potential risks and impacts to the
6 State in the event of a crude oil spill during rail transport in the State; requiring the
7 Department of the Environment and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
8 to establish certain plans as part of the joint study; requiring the Department of the
9 Environment and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to jointly report
10 the study's findings and plans to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a
11 certain date; requiring the Department of the Environment to include certain
12 information in a certain report; providing for the termination of this Act; and
13 generally relating to the transport of crude oil by rail in the State.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That:

16 (a) The Department of the Environment and the Department of Health and
17 Mental Hygiene shall jointly study the potential risks and impacts to the State in the event
18 of a crude oil spill during rail transport in the State.

19 (b) As part of the joint study, the Department of the Environment and the
20 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall establish:

21 (1) accident prevention plans;

22 (2) emergency response plans; and

23 (3) contingency plans.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) (1) On or before December 1, 2015, the Department of the Environment
2 and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall jointly report the study findings
3 and plans, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Governor
4 and General Assembly.

5 (2) The Department of the Environment shall disclose the amount of crude
6 oil that is transported by rail in the State in the report required under paragraph (1) of this
7 subsection.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year, and at the end of June 30, 2016,
10 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
11 of no further force and effect.