

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

(First Reading File Joint Resolution)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Rawlings” and substitute “Rawlings, Fry, Redmer, Hammen, Stup, Klausmeier, Ciliberti, and Elliott”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 23, insert:

“WHEREAS, There are significant environmental concerns, including nutrient releases and bay eutrophication, associated with placement of dredge material in the deep trough of the Chesapeake Bay; and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 26, insert:

“RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges the appropriate federal, State, and local governments and their agencies to cooperate fully in exploring the options available for environmentally sound open water placement sites to be available primarily for short-term maintenance and improvement needs of the Port of Baltimore, rather than for fulfilling long-term requirements under the long-term strategy; and be it further”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 30, insert:

“RESOLVED, That the General Assembly also urges the appropriate federal, State, and local governments and their agencies to complete site selection and permit approval processes for at least two upper Chesapeake Bay projects that combine containment and beneficial use designs prior to the implementation of Phase II of the Poplar Island Project and development of additional beneficial use

(Over)

projects in the Chesapeake Bay; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges the Department of Transportation, the Department of the Environment, and other appropriate State agencies to design the initial containment area of the dredge placement site at Poplar Island not to exceed 640 acres in area, with a dike no greater than 15 feet in height; and be it further”.