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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Deep Water Wells - Effect on Aquifers Supplying Homeowner Wells - Department of the
3 ~~Environment~~ Natural Resources to Study and Report**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of ~~the Environment~~ Natural Resources to
5 conduct a study of deep water wells of private water supply ventures or companies
6 and the effects they have on the ~~amount~~ availability of water ~~remaining in the~~ from
7 aquifers that supply individual or homeowner wells; requiring the Department to
8 report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating
9 to the effect of deep water wells on the aquifers that supply individual or
10 homeowner wells.

11 ~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF~~
12 ~~MARYLAND, That the Department of the Environment shall conduct a study of deep~~
13 ~~water wells of private water supply ventures or companies. The study shall consider the~~
14 ~~effects of the deep water wells on the amount of water remaining in the aquifers that~~
15 ~~supply individual or homeowner wells. The Department shall report its findings to the~~
16 ~~General Assembly on or before December 31, 1997, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the~~
17 ~~State Government Article.~~

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Department of Natural Resources shall conduct a study of deep
20 water wells of private water supply ventures or companies within the Winter's Run
21 drainage basin. The study shall consider the effects of deep water wells with the potential
22 to withdraw more than 50,000 gallons per day on the ability of the aquifers to supply
23 existing individual or homeowner wells. The Department shall report its findings to the
24 General Assembly on or before December 31, 1998, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the
25 State Government Article.

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 1997.