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By: **Delegate W. Baker**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sewage Sludge - Chesapeake Bay Critical Area**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a  
4 certain sewage sludge utilization permit for use on certain land in the  
5 Chesapeake Bay Critical Area unless certain local governing bodies have  
6 reviewed and approved the proposed permit and any conditions or restrictions  
7 placed on the permit.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Environment  
10 Section 9-234(f) and 9-236  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Environment**

16 9-234.

17 (f) (1) The Department shall provide each county and municipal corporation  
18 that receives a copy of any application under this section with an opportunity to  
19 consult with the Department about the decision to issue, deny, or place restrictions on  
20 a sewage sludge utilization permit.

21 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A SEWAGE SLUDGE UTILIZATION  
22 PERMIT FOR USE ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC LAND LOCATED IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY  
23 CRITICAL AREA, AS ESTABLISHED IN TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 18 OF THE NATURAL  
24 RESOURCES ARTICLE, UNLESS THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OR  
25 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN WHICH THE LAND IS LOCATED HAS REVIEWED AND  
26 APPROVED THE PROPOSED PERMIT AND ANY CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS PLACED  
27 ON THE PERMIT.

1 9-236.

2 [The] SUBJECT TO § 9-234(F)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE Department shall issue  
3 a sewage sludge utilization permit to an applicant who meets the requirements of this  
4 Part III of this subtitle.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 1998.