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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Litter Control - Litter Prevention Campaign**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources and the
4 Department of Transportation to jointly establish a litter prevention campaign;
5 and generally relating to litter control.

6 BY adding to

7 Article - Natural Resources

8 Section 5-203

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article - Transportation

13 Section 2-108

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Natural Resources**

19 5-203.

20 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "LITTER" MEANS RUBBISH, WASTE MATTER, REFUSE,
21 GARBAGE, TRASH, DEBRIS, DEAD ANIMALS, OR OTHER DISCARDED MATERIALS OF
22 ANY KIND.

23 (B) THE DEPARTMENT, ACTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 TRANSPORTATION, MAY ESTABLISH A LITTER PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

25 (C) THE LITTER PREVENTION CAMPAIGN MAY PROVIDE FOR:

1 (1) PUBLIC EDUCATION ON THE BENEFITS OF CLEANER COMMUNITIES
2 THROUGH RECYCLING AND LITTER PREVENTION;

3 (2) DEVELOPING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS THAT
4 INCLUDE LITTER PICK UP IN COMMUNITIES, IN PARKS, AND ALONG HIGHWAYS;

5 (3) RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF LITTER PREVENTION THROUGH
6 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS;

7 (4) FACILITATING PARTNERSHIPS LOCALLY AND STATEWIDE THAT
8 LEAD TO LITTER REDUCTION;

9 (5) PLACEMENT OF ANTILITTERING SIGNS IN PARKS AND ALONG
10 HIGHWAYS;

11 (6) ADDRESSING ILLEGAL DUMPING SITES; AND

12 (7) INVITING AND ENCOURAGING ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS,
13 EDUCATORS, BUSINESSES, AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
14 CAMPAIGN.

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19 ANY KIND.

20 (B) THE DEPARTMENT, ACTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 NATURAL RESOURCES, MAY ESTABLISH A LITTER CAMPAIGN.

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3 CAMPAIGN.

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