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By: **Delegate McHale**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Small Business Pollution Compliance Loan Fund - Administrative Costs**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of money in the Small Business Pollution  
4 Compliance Loan Fund that may be used for the costs of administering the  
5 Fund; and generally relating to the administrative costs of the Small Business  
6 Pollution Compliance Loan Fund.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - Environment  
9 Section 2-802(a) and (d)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)  
12 (As enacted by Chapter 545 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Environment  
15 Section 2-802(e)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)  
18 (As enacted by Chapter 545 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

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

21 **Article - Environment**

22 2-802.

23 (a) There is a Small Business Pollution Compliance Loan Fund.

24 (d) The Fund shall be used to provide loans to owners of small businesses to  
25 finance eligible costs of upgrading and replacing capital equipment to comply with air  
26 emission standards, including the purchase and installation of air pollution control  
27 equipment and the purchase and installation of equipment to make operational

1 changes related to air pollution control and to modify production practices related to  
2 air pollution control.

3 (e) To the extent provided in the State budget and in an amount not to exceed  
4 [3%] 15% of the revenues in the Fund during the fiscal year, the costs of  
5 administering the Fund shall be paid from State moneys appropriated to the Fund.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 July 1, 1999.