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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Dredge Spoil - Beneficial Use**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to approve the use  
4 of dredge spoil only for beneficial uses; defining a certain term; and generally  
5 relating to the beneficial use of dredge spoil.

6 BY adding to  
7 Article - Environment  
8 Section 5-1102.1  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Environment**

14 5-1102.1.

15 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "BENEFICIAL USE" MEANS ANY PRODUCTIVE AND  
16 POSITIVE USE OF DREDGE MATERIAL.

17 (2) "BENEFICIAL USE" INCLUDES RECYCLING, FISH AND WILDLIFE  
18 HABITAT DEVELOPMENT, RESTORATION OF EXISTING SHORELINES, HUMAN  
19 RECREATION, AND INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL USES.

20 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPROVE THE USE OF DREDGE SPOIL ONLY FOR  
21 A BENEFICIAL USE.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 1999.