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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dumping of Dredge Spoil - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Port Administration or any other unit of
4 the State government from dumping, dredging, or scattering certain material
5 excavated or dredged from certain areas of the Chesapeake Bay into or onto the
6 area of the bottomlands or waters of the Chesapeake Bay without the approval
7 of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the prohibition of dumping
8 dredge spoil.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Environment
11 Section 5-1102(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

14 **Preamble**

15 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland should pursue aggressively the development
16 of the Port of Baltimore, including the expeditious dredging of the harbor and
17 approaches to dredging the harbor, for the port development to proceed; and

18 WHEREAS, The plans for a wide variety of options for the placement of dredge
19 material, with an emphasis on land-based options, should be developed, finalized,
20 and funded expeditiously so as to facilitate the port development; now, therefore,

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

23 **Article - Environment**

24 5-1102.

25 (E) THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION OR ANY OTHER STATE UNIT MAY
26 NOT DUMP, DEPOSIT, OR SCATTER ANY EARTH, ROCK, SOIL, WASTE MATTER, MUCK,
27 OR OTHER MATERIAL EXCAVATED OR DREDGED FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BAY OR ITS

1 TIDAL TRIBUTARIES INTO OR ONTO THE AREA OF THE BOTTOMLANDS OR WATERS OF
2 THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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