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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Right to Know - Air Quality Health Disclosure Information**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment, on and after a
4 certain date, to provide the public with access to all ambient air monitoring data
5 through the Internet; authorizing certain data to be provided in a certain form
6 and requiring that the data include, at a minimum, all validated air monitoring
7 data obtained during the current and previous calendar year; defining a certain
8 term; and generally relating to public access to certain ambient air monitoring
9 data.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Environment
12 Section 1-101(a) and (d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Environment
17 Section 2-103.2
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Environment**

23 1-101.

24 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (d) "Department" means the Department of the Environment.

1 2-103.2.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DATA" MEANS MEASURED
3 CONCENTRATIONS OF AIR POLLUTANTS, INCLUDING AIR POLLUTANTS FOR WHICH
4 THERE ARE NO AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS, OBTAINED FROM ANY AMBIENT
5 AIR MONITORING STATION ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

6 (B) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE
7 PUBLIC ACCESS TO ALL AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DATA THROUGH THE INTERNET.

8 (C) AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DATA THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES IN
9 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE IN SUMMARY FORM
10 AND SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, ALL VALIDATED AMBIENT AIR MONITORING
11 DATA THE DEPARTMENT OBTAINS DURING EACH CURRENT AND PREVIOUS
12 CALENDAR YEAR.

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