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By: **Senators Harris, Jacobs, Dyson, Hooper, McCabe, and Conway**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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~~ for the 2 most  
8 recent years for which data are available; defining a certain term; and generally  
9 relating to public access to certain ambient air monitoring 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:

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**Article - Environment**

2 1-101.

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

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

5 2-103.2.

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

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

12 (C) AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DATA THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES IN  
13 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE IN SUMMARY FORM  
14 AND SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, ALL VALIDATED AMBIENT AIR MONITORING  
15 DATA ~~THE DEPARTMENT OBTAINS DURING EACH CURRENT AND PREVIOUS~~  
16 CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE 2 MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEARS FOR WHICH DATA ARE  
17 AVAILABLE.

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