

SENATE BILL 468

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By: **Senator Baker**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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.