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Senate Bill 599 (Senator Dvson)
 (Governor's Solid Waste Management Task Force)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Landfill Systems - Notification Requirements

This bill requires applicants for landfill systems to give notice of hearings in addition to informational meetings. The bill also requires applicants to give notice to record owners of real property within 1,000 feet of the property line of the landfill system by certified mail to the address of record owners as indicated in the records of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Applicants must give notice by posting a notice of the application, the informational meeting, and hearings in a conspicuous area on the proposed landfill system site. The bill requires local officials to give notice of the informational meeting to all interested agencies in the jurisdiction. The bill requires the Maryland Department of the Environment and other State agencies to consolidate the informational meeting and hearings concerning permits for the same landfill system or incinerator for public use to the extent possible. Finally, the bill repeals the notification procedures required for rubble landfills.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The requirements of the bill could be handled with the Maryland Department of the Environment's existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None. Many local governments are currently performing the tasks required by the bill.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: In March 1998 the Governor established the Solid Waste Management Task Force to examine solid waste management issues in Maryland and to assess the local and State processes in use for planning and siting solid waste facilities. The task force, composed of representatives of the public, private industry, the legislature, and local and State government, held public meetings throughout the State to solicit citizen input. The task force was required to submit a report to the Governor by December 1998 with recommendations for the implementation of a long-range policy on solid waste management in the State.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of the Environment; Charles, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties; Department of Legislative Services

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