

HOUSE BILL 924

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By: **Delegates Redmer, Ports, Hammen, Boutin, Cane, Klausmeier, and Billings**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Courts - Statute of Limitations - Water Pollution Violations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations for a violation of certain water
4 pollution provisions of law; and providing for the application of this Act.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
7 Section 5-106(a)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

10 BY adding to
11 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 5-106(y)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

18 5-106.

19 (a) Except as provided by this section, a prosecution for a misdemeanor shall
20 be instituted within 1 year after the offense was committed.

21 (Y) A PROSECUTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THE WATER POLLUTION
22 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE SHALL BE INSTITUTED
23 WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
25 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect

1 on or application to any water pollution violation committed before the effective date
2 of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2000.