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

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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:

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**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2 5-106.

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

5 (Y) A PROSECUTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THE WATER POLLUTION  
6 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4 9, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE SHALL BE  
7 INSTITUTED WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be  
9 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect  
10 on or application to any water pollution violation committed before the effective date  
11 of this Act.

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