

SENATE BILL 26

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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Dredge Spoil - Beneficial Placement**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from dumping, depositing, or scattering  
4 certain material excavated or dredged from certain areas of the Chesapeake Bay  
5 into or onto the area known as Site 104 before a certain date; creating a certain  
6 Commission; providing for the membership, chairperson, quorum, meetings, and  
7 staff of the Commission; requiring the Commission to provide certain reports by  
8 certain dates; and generally relating to the beneficial placement of dredge spoil.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Environment  
11 Section 5-1102(e) and 5-1108  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Environment**

17 5-1102.

18 (E) BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2002, A PERSON MAY NOT DUMP, DEPOSIT, OR  
19 SCATTER ANY EARTH, ROCK, SOIL, WASTE MATTER, MUCK, OR OTHER MATERIAL  
20 EXCAVATED OR DREDGED FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BAY OR ITS TIDAL TRIBUTARIES  
21 INTO OR ONTO THE AREA OF THE BOTTOMLANDS OR WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE  
22 BAY KNOWN AS SITE 104.

23 5-1108.

24 (A) THERE SHALL BE AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHESAPEAKE BAY  
25 DUMPING.

26 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE BY AUGUST 1, 2000 TO INVESTIGATE  
27 ALTERNATIVE LAND-BASED SITES TO PLACE DREDGE SPOILS AND TO INVESTIGATE

1 SOURCES OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO OFFSET ANY COST DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN  
2 LAND-BASED PLACEMENT AND WATER-BASED PLACEMENT.

3 (C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF 15 MEMBERS.

4 (2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT FIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING:

5 (I) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BAY  
6 FOUNDATION;

7 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND WATERMEN'S  
8 ASSOCIATION;

9 (III) TWO OF THE MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS  
10 SUBSECTION; AND

11 (IV) ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER.

12 (3) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT FIVE MEMBERS,  
13 INCLUDING:

14 (I) A MEMBER OF THE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE WHO  
15 REPRESENTS A COUNTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY;

16 (II) A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
17 COMMITTEE WHO REPRESENTS A COUNTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY;

18 (III) TWO OF THE MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS  
19 SUBSECTION; AND

20 (IV) ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER.

21 (4) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL APPOINT FIVE MEMBERS,  
22 INCLUDING:

23 (I) A MEMBER OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WHO  
24 REPRESENTS A COUNTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY;

25 (II) A MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE  
26 WHO REPRESENTS A COUNTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY;

27 (III) TWO OF THE MEMBERS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS  
28 SUBSECTION; AND

29 (IV) ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER.

30 (5) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE:

31 (I) A COUNTY OFFICIAL FROM:

32 1. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

