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### (PRE-FILED)

By: Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

(**Departmental - Environment**) Requested: November 14, 2000

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### A BILL ENTITLED

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1	AN	ACT	concerning

# 2 Drinking Water - Administrative Penalty Authority

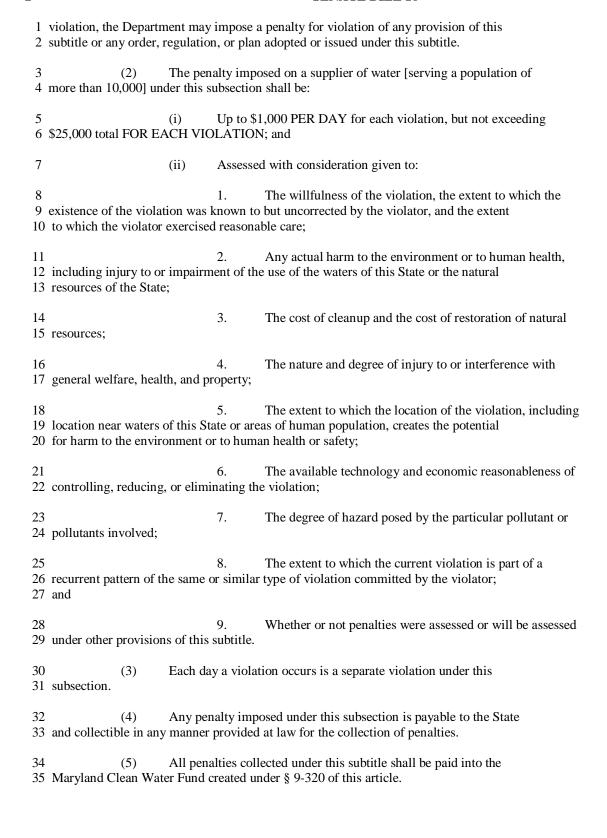
- 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose
- 4 certain administrative penalties for certain violations related to safe drinking
- 5 water; and generally relating to public water systems and drinking water
- 6 standards and requirements.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Environment
- 9 Section 9-413
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## 14 Article - Environment

15 9-413.

- 16 (a) A person who willfully violates § 9-412(a)(4) or (5) of this subtitle is subject 17 to a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each day on which the violation exists.
- 18 (b) A person who violates § 9-412(a)(1), (2), or (3) of this subtitle is guilty of a
- 19 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 for each day
- 20 on which the violation occurs or failure to comply continues.
- 21 (c) In an action brought in the appropriate court to enforce the order, a person
- 22 who willfully violates or fails or refuses to comply with any order issued by the
- 23 Secretary under this subtitle may be fined not more than \$5,000 for each day on
- 24 which the violation occurs or failure to comply continues.
- 25 (d) (1) In addition to any other remedies available at law and after an
- 26 opportunity for a hearing, which may be waived in writing by the person accused of a

### **SENATE BILL 16**



- $1\,$  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 2 effect October 1, 2001.