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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Noise Inspectors**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to employ a certain  
4 number of noise inspectors to enforce certain sound level limits and noise control  
5 regulations; authorizing noise inspectors to issue civil citations for certain  
6 violations; establishing a maximum civil penalty that may be imposed on  
7 violators who are issued certain civil citations; and authorizing a right of appeal  
8 under certain circumstances.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Environment  
11 Section 3-403.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 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 3-403.1.

18 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EMPLOY ~~THREE~~ TWO NOISE INSPECTORS TO  
19 ENFORCE THE SOUND LEVEL LIMITS AND NOISE CONTROL REGULATIONS ADOPTED  
20 UNDER THIS TITLE.

1 (B) A NOISE INSPECTOR EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A CIVIL  
2 CITATION TO A PERSON FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY SOUND LEVEL  
3 LIMIT OR NOISE CONTROL REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.

4 (C) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS TITLE OR A REGULATION ADOPTED  
5 UNDER THIS TITLE AND IS ISSUED A CIVIL CITATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS  
6 SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$500.

7 (2) ANY MONEY COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE  
8 DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

9 (3) ANY PERSON ISSUED WITH A CITATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION  
10 MAY APPEAL THE CITATION TO THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS IN  
11 ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-205 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2001.