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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 86 (Senator Green)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

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**Transfer Stations - Permits - Notice to Legislators**

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This bill requires an applicant for a transfer station permit to give notice of the application by certified mail to the members of the Senate and the House of Delegates who represent the legislative district in which the transfer station is to be located.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** Local jurisdictions applying for such permits would be required to provide notice pursuant to the bill; however, any impact on local finances is assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A person must have a permit issued by the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) before the person installs, materially alters, or materially extends a “refuse disposal system.” The term refuse disposal system includes an incinerator, a transfer station, a landfill system, a landfill, a solid waste processing facility, and any other solid waste acceptance facility.

Applicants for landfill systems must provide notice by certified mail to each member of the General Assembly in whose district the landfill system or incinerator is located. Applicants for transfer stations are not required to provide such notice.

Private applicants for transfer stations must file a bond with MDE and deposit with the governing body of the local jurisdiction where the transfer station will be located cash, negotiable bonds of the federal government or Maryland, or any other security that MDE approves.

**Background:** A transfer station is a place or facility where waste materials are taken from one collection vehicle (e.g., compactor trucks) and placed in another transportation unit (e.g., over-the-road tractor-trailers, railroad gondola cars, barges, or ships) for movement to other solid waste acceptance facilities. Recently, concern has been expressed regarding the location of certain proposed transfer stations.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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