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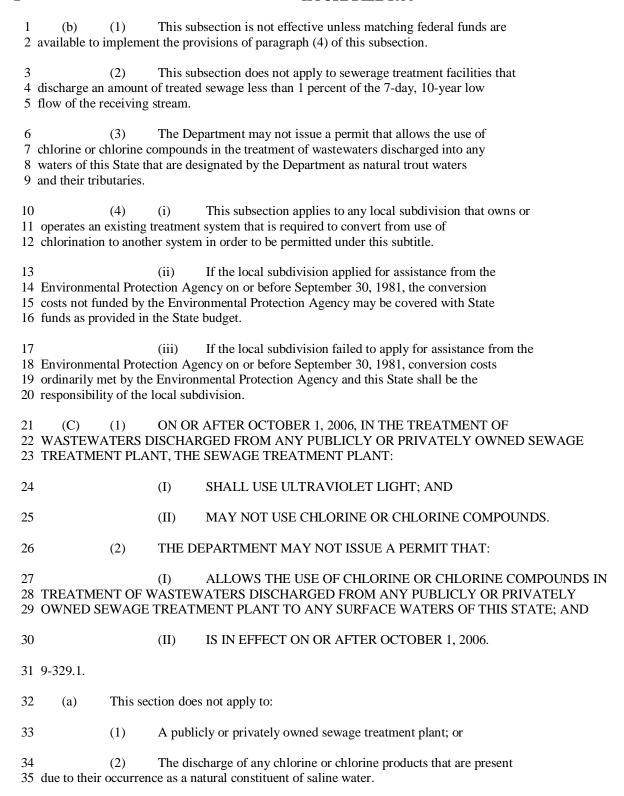
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

## A BILL ENTITLED

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2 Environment - Wastewater Treatment - Use of Chlorine and Ultraviolet
3 Light

- 4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting on or after a certain date a public or private sewage
- 5 treatment plant from using chlorine or chlorine compounds in the treatment of
- 6 discharged wastewater; requiring on or after a certain date a public or private
- 7 sewage treatment plant to use ultraviolet light in the treatment of discharged
- 8 wastewater; prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a
- 9 permit allowing on or after a certain date the use of chlorine or chlorine
- 10 compounds in the treatment of wastewater discharged from a public or private
- sewage treatment plant; altering a certain maximum chlorine discharge
- standard effective on or after a certain date; and generally relating to the use of
- chlorine and ultraviolet light in the treatment of wastewater discharged from a
- public or private sewage treatment plant.
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 16 Article Environment
- 17 Section 9-329 and 9-329.1
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 22 Article Environment
- 23 9-329.
- 24 (a) Except as otherwise prohibited in subsection (b) of this section AND
- 25 SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, the Department may issue a permit
- 26 that allows the use of chlorine or chlorine compounds in treatment of wastewaters
- 27 discharged from any publicly or privately owned sewage treatment plant to any
- 28 surface waters of this State only if the treatment of the wastewaters includes
- 29 dechlorination.



## **HOUSE BILL 1056**

- 1 (b) A person who has a discharge permit may not discharge chlorine or 2 chlorine products into the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries during April and May of
- 3 any year at a level that is greater than:
- 4 (1) BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2006, the chlorine discharge level that is
- 5 applicable to a publicly or privately owned sewage treatment plant under § 9-329 of
- 6 this subtitle; AND
- 7 (2) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2006, THE CHLORINE DISCHARGE LEVEL
- 8 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH
- 9 THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 11 October 1, 2002.