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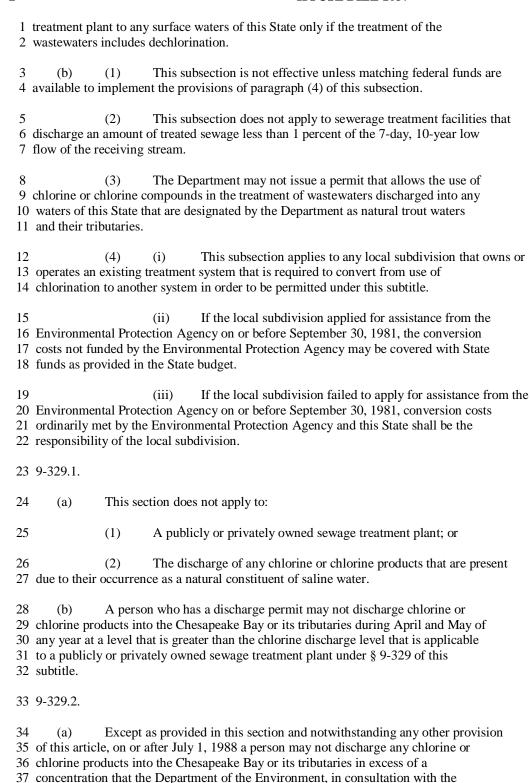
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT cor	ncerning
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2 Environment - Use of Chlorine in Wastewater Treatment Plants - Report

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to prepare a report
- 4 on the feasibility of eliminating the use of chlorine in State and local wastewater
- 5 treatment plants; requiring the Department to include in the report findings
- and recommendations on the feasibility of eliminating this use of chlorine within
- a certain period of time; requiring the Department to submit the report to the
- 8 Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the
- 9 termination of this Act; and generally relating to a report on the use of chlorine
- in State and local wastewater treatment plants.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 12 Article Environment
- 13 Section 9-329 through 9-329.2
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 16 BY adding to
- 17 Article Environment
- 18 Section 9-329.3
- 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 20 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 23 Article Environment
- 24 9-329.
- 25 (a) Except as otherwise prohibited in subsection (b) of this section, the
- 26 Department may issue a permit that allows the use of chlorine or chlorine compounds
- 27 in treatment of wastewaters discharged from any publicly or privately owned sewage



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- 1 Department of Natural Resources, determines to be the lowest practicably attainable
- 2 concentration.
- 3 (b) To determine the allowable concentrations of chlorine or chlorine products
- 4 under this section, the Secretary of the Environment, in consultation with the
- 5 Secretary of Natural Resources, shall adopt regulations that:
- 6 (1) Use the best practicable management technologies; and
- 7 (2) Set forth approved monitoring technologies.
- 8 (c) (1) A person may apply to the Department of the Environment for an
- 9 exception under subsection (a) of this section.
- 10 (2) The Department of the Environment, in consultation with the
- 11 Department of Natural Resources, may grant an exception under subsection (a) of
- 12 this section to an applicant if the application sets forth compliance schedules
- 13 acceptable to the Department.
- 14 (d) An owner of a vessel that is equipped with a marine sanitation device that
- 15 meets the requirements of 33 CFR 159 shall automatically be excepted from the
- 16 provisions of subsection (a) of this section.
- 17 9-329.3.
- 18 ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2003, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE AND
- 19 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
- 20 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DETAILING ITS FINDINGS AND
- 21 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF:
- 22 (1) ELIMINATING THE USE OF CHLORINE IN STATE AND LOCAL
- 23 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS; AND
- 24 (2) IMPLEMENTING THE ELIMINATION OF THIS USE OF CHLORINE
- 25 WITHIN 2 YEARS.
- 26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 27 October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of
- 28 September 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
- 29 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.