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**EMERGENCY BILL**

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By: **Delegate C. Davis**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of the Environment - Rubble Landfills - Location**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Secretary of the Environment from issuing a  
4 certain permit to construct or operate a rubble landfill within a certain distance  
5 of Bowie State University or St. John AME Church; making this Act an  
6 emergency measure; and generally relating to permits for rubble landfills.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Environment  
9 Section 9-204  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2002 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 9-204.

16 (a) This section applies to any water supply system, sewerage system, refuse  
17 disposal system that is for public use, or any refuse disposal system that is a solid  
18 waste acceptance facility as defined in § 9-501(n) of this title if the solid waste  
19 acceptance facility is installed, altered, or extended after July 1, 1988.

20 (b) (1) The Secretary may adopt reasonable and proper regulations for  
21 submission of plans. These regulations may include the collection of a fee at the time  
22 of application for:

23 (i) A permit issued under this section for a privately owned water  
24 supply or sewerage system; or

25 (ii) A permit applied for by a local unit of government for a  
26 privately financed water supply or sewerage system.





1 (ii) The issuance of permits necessary for the operation,  
2 construction, reconstruction, replacement, expansion, and material alteration or  
3 extension of an incinerator that was operating on January 1, 1997.

4 (l) (1) The Secretary may not issue any permit, including a permit under  
5 subsection (d) of this section, to construct or operate a transfer station in Prince  
6 George's County for disposal of solid waste within 2 miles of Bowie State University.

7 (2) A person may not construct or operate a transfer station in Prince  
8 George's County for the disposal of solid waste within 2 miles of Bowie State  
9 University.

10 (3) This subsection may not be construed to prohibit:

11 (i) The operation, construction, reconstruction, replacement,  
12 expansion, or material alteration or extension of a transfer station that was operating  
13 on January 1, 2000; or

14 (ii) The issuance of a permit that is necessary for the operation,  
15 construction, reconstruction, replacement, expansion, or material alteration or  
16 extension of a transfer station that was operating on January 1, 2000.

17 (m) THE SECRETARY MAY NOT ISSUE ANY PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION TO  
18 CONSTRUCT OR OPERATE A RUBBLE LANDFILL WITHIN 2 MILES OF BOWIE STATE  
19 UNIVERSITY OR ST. JOHN AME CHURCH.

20 (N) (1) In this subsection, "trade secret" has the meaning provided in §  
21 11-1201 of the Commercial Law Article.

22 (2) The Department shall prepare an annual report identifying the  
23 amount of solid waste by weight or volume, disposed of in the State during the  
24 previous year.

25 (3) The report required under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall  
26 identify:

27 (i) The following solid waste categories:

- 28 1. Construction and demolition debris;
- 29 2. Incinerator ash;
- 30 3. Industrial waste;
- 31 4. Land clearing debris;
- 32 5. Municipal solid waste; and
- 33 6. Any other solid waste identified by the Department;

- 1                   (ii)     The amount of solid waste disposed of in the State that is  
2 generated outside of the State;
- 3                   (iii)    The jurisdictions where the solid waste originated;
- 4                   (iv)     The amount of solid waste generated in the State that is  
5 transported outside of the State for disposal; and
- 6                   (v)     An estimate of the amount of solid waste managed or disposed  
7 of by:
- 8                   1.     Recycling;
- 9                   2.     Composting;
- 10                  3.     Landfilling; and
- 11                  4.     Incineration.

12           (4)   (i)     All permitted solid waste acceptance facilities shall at least  
13 annually provide to the Department information that is necessary to prepare the  
14 report required under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

15                   (ii)    Under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, a facility owner may  
16 provide the following information:

- 17                   1.     An accounting of the facility's economic benefits provided  
18 to the locality where the facility is located;
- 19                   2.     The value of disposal and recycling facilities provided to  
20 the locality at no cost or reduced cost;
- 21                   3.     Direct employment associated with the facility; and
- 22                   4.     Other economic benefits resulting from the facility during  
23 the preceding calendar year.

24           (5)   Beginning September 1, 2000, the Department shall annually  
25 submit, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a report of the  
26 activities undertaken and the progress made in accordance with this section to:

- 27                   (i)     The House Environmental Matters Committee; and
- 28                   (ii)    The Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee.

29           (6)   A facility owner is not required to provide information under  
30 paragraph (4) of this subsection that is a trade secret.

31   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
32 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
33 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members

1 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
2 the date it is enacted.