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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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House Bill 814

(Delegate Parrott, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environment - Application for Landfill or Incinerator Permit - Notice

This bill requires an applicant for a permit for a landfill system or incinerator to provide notice to each member of the General Assembly representing any part of a county in which the landfill system or incinerator is located (instead of providing notice to each member in whose district the landfill system or incinerator is located). Also to be notified is the chief executive of any affected county.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill would not materially affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) regulates refuse disposal systems such as landfills, incinerators, and other solid waste acceptance facilities through a permitting program. Permit applicants are required to give notice of the application, the informational meeting, and hearings to: (1) the public; (2) the board of county commissioners or county council of any county and the chief executive of any municipal corporation that MDE determines may be affected by the incinerator or landfill system; (3) the Department of Natural Resources; (4) each member of the General Assembly in whose district the landfill system or incinerator is located; and (5) record owners of real property within a certain distance of the property line of the proposed

incinerator or landfill system. Applicants also must post notice of the application, the informational meeting, and hearings on the site of the proposed incinerator or landfill system.

Background: MDE receives approximately four to five permit applications per year that would be affected by the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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