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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Applications for Licenses or Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to consider certain
4 violations of certain statutory or regulatory provisions when considering
5 whether to issue certain licenses or permits or to impose conditions on the
6 issuance of certain licenses or permits; and generally relating to certain licenses
7 and permits issued by the Department.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Environment
10 Section 1-203
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Environment**

16 1-203.

17 (a) WHEN DECIDING WHETHER TO ISSUE A LICENSE OR PERMIT UNDER THIS
18 ARTICLE OR TO IMPOSE A CONDITION ON THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT,
19 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER THE APPLICANT HAS VIOLATED ANY
20 PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

21 (B) (1) A license or permit is considered renewed for purposes of this
22 [section] SUBSECTION if the license or permit is issued by a unit of State government
23 to a person for the period immediately following a period for which the person
24 previously possessed the same or a substantially similar license.

25 [(b)] (2) Before any license or permit may be renewed under this article, the
26 issuing authority shall verify through the office of the Comptroller that the applicant
27 has paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to

1 the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or that the
2 applicant has provided for payment in a manner satisfactory to the unit responsible
3 for collection.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2004.