
By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Environment)**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Transfer of the Maryland Geological Survey**

3 FOR the purpose of transferring the Maryland Geological Survey and the Maryland
4 Geological Survey Commission from the Department of Natural Resources to
5 the Department of the Environment; and generally relating to the Maryland
6 Geological Survey.

7 BY transferring

8 Article - Natural Resources

9 Section 2-101, 2-201 through 2-204, and 2-401 through 2-407, respectively,
10 and the title "Title 2. Maryland Geological Survey"

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

13 to be

14 Article - Environment

15 Section 5.5-101, 5.5-201 through 5.5-204, and 5.5-301 through 5.5-307,

16 respectively, and the title "Title 5.5. Maryland Geological Survey"

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

20 Article - Environment

21 Section 5.5-101 and 5.5-201

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

24 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

26 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 2-101, 2-201 through 2-204, and 2-401 through 2-407,

27 respectively, and the title "Title 2. Maryland Geological Survey" of Article - Natural

28 Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland be transferred to be Section(s) 5.5-101,

29 5.5-201 through 5.5-204, and 5.5-301 through 5.5-307, respectively, and the title

1 "Title 5.5. Maryland Geological Survey" of Article - Environment of the Annotated
2 Code of Maryland.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
4 read as follows:

5 **Article - Environment**

6 Title 5.5. Maryland Geological Survey.

7 5.5-101.

8 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (b) "Commission" means Commission of the Maryland Geological Survey.

10 (c) "Department" means Department of [Natural Resources] THE
11 ENVIRONMENT.

12 (d) "Paleontology" means the branch of geology that deals with prehistoric
13 forms of life through the study of plant and animal fossils.

14 (e) "Secretary" means Secretary of [Natural Resources] THE ENVIRONMENT.

15 (f) "Survey" means Maryland Geological Survey.

16 5.5-201.

17 (a) There is a Maryland Geological Survey in the Department.

18 (b) The Governor, with the advice of the Secretary, shall appoint the Director
19 of the Survey. The Director shall hold office under and subject to the provisions of [§
20 1-101(d)] § 1-402(B) of this article. He shall be a person with executive ability, and
21 special training and experience in handling problems in the fields of geology and
22 water resources.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
24 effect July 1, 2006.