

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1204

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Fee” insert “and Performance Bond Act”; and line 18, after “purposes;” insert “declaring the intent of the General Assembly;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 15, strike “Any unused funds will fund” and substitute “Completion of the Maryland study requires funding of”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, in line 25, strike “**2014**” and substitute “**2013**”.

On page 7, in line 8, strike “**1.**”; in line 11, strike “**\$10**” and substitute “**\$15**”; strike in their entirety lines 13 through 16, inclusive; in line 17, after “**(2)**” insert “**(1)**”; in line 18, after “**2012,**” insert “**AND BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2013,**”; strike beginning with “AN” in line 18 down through “SECTION” in line 21 and substitute “**A FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH**”; after line 21, insert:

“(II) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER ACQUIRING THE GAS INTEREST, EACH OWNER OF A GAS INTEREST SHALL PAY TO THE DEPARTMENT A FEE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$15 PER ACRE OF THE TOTAL ACREAGE REPORTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 22 through 26, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

(Over)

On page 8, in line 9, strike “**AUGUST 1, 2014, OR AFTER**”; in line 11, strike “**WHICHEVER IS EARLIER,**”; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 23, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 11, in line 20, after “§ 14-113.1” insert “of the Environment Article, as enacted by Section 1”; in the same line, after “Act” insert a comma; after line 28, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources use the money collected under § 14-113.1 of the Environment Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to complete, on or before August 1, 2013, the study required under Executive Order 01.01.2011.11 issued on June 6, 2011, by the Governor.”;

and in line 29, strike “4.” and substitute “5.”.