HOUSE BILL 218

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By: **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**
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CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

Office of the Attorney General – Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit – Reporting Requirement

FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Office of the Attorney General is required to report each year to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain activities of the Office's Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit and certain activities taken by the Department of the Environment or the Department of Natural Resources in response to findings of the Unit; and generally relating to the Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 6–702(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 6–702(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

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

Article – State Government

6–702.

(a) (1) There is an Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit of the Office of the Attorney General.

(d) On or before **[**November 30**]** **OCTOBER 1** each year, the Attorney General shall report to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of this article, the General Assembly on**:**

(1) all the activities of the Unit **DURING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR;** and

(2) any actions taken by the Department of the Environment or the Department of Natural Resources in response to findings and recommendations of the Unit.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.