

**Maryland Department of the Environment**  
**Legislative/Regulatory Update**  
**February 11, 2004**

**Legislative Update:**

A tabular listing of the bills before the Maryland General Assembly is attached. Detailed information can be downloaded from the Maryland Electronic Capital. Search on [www.mec.state.md.us](http://www.mec.state.md.us). Then click on “General Assembly”, “Bill Information and Status”, and enter the bill number. Alternatively, scroll down to the next section and search on a topic. The site is relatively easy to follow and the text of the bills can be downloaded in various formats. From the General Assembly site you can also navigate to almost any site within state government.

The administration introduced the following bills in the House of Delegates:

- HB 183 (withdrawn), Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund (MDE)
- HB 184 – Chesapeake Bay Recovery Fund (DNR)
- HB 288 – Chesapeake Bay Recovery Fund (DNR)
- HB 291 – Nutrient Management (MDA)
- HB 292 – withdrawn - Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund
- HB 294 – Brownfields Redevelopment Reform Act (MDE)
- HB 493 – Hazardous Materials Security Act (MDE)
- HB 494 – Tidal Wetlands Violations (MDE)
- HB 495 – Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees (MDE)
- HB 503 – Environmental Surcharge (DNR) electricity
- SB 52 – Water and Sewer Service outside or priority areas (DOP)
- SB 65 – Water Quality Penalties (MDE)
- SB 182 – Nutrient Management (MDA)
- SB 183 – withdrawn ? - Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund
- SB 186 – Brownfields Redevelopment Act (MDE)
- SB 320 - Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund (MDE)

## **Regulations Update:**

### **Water-**

Contact: David Lyons, 410-537-3510, [dlyons@mde.state.md.us](mailto:dlyons@mde.state.md.us)

Proposed regulation 26.08.02.09 addressing reporting and public notification regarding sewage overflows was revised based on input from and discussions with numerous interested parties. The Attorney General's Office reviewed the revised version and advised WMA that there are several changes that should be considered to be significant. As such, instead of proposing publication of the revised regulation as final (within the one-year anniversary date, as required) WMA believes it is necessary to provide an opportunity for public comment on the revised version before finalizing the regulation. The revised regulation will be forwarded for publication in the Maryland Register early in 2004.

### **Noise –**

Contact: George Harman, 410-537-3856 – [gharman@mde.state.md.us](mailto:gharman@mde.state.md.us)

The proposed changes in the noise regulations have moved to the Maryland Register for formal publication in advance of adoption. A public hearing will be held at MDE on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 9:00 PM to solicit public comment. Assuming that the comments would not result in substantial changes, final adoptions could be expected in April.

### **Water Quality Standards –**

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(1) Triennial update process, which started in 2003, has moved to the Maryland Register for formal publication. Hearings are set as indicated below:

#### **Public Hearing Dates and locations – Triennial update**

- (1) Washington County Office Bldg., 100 W. Washington St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and Room 225, Hagerstown, MD Date: February 23, 2004, 10:30 a.m.
- (2) Dorchester County Office Bldg., Court Lane, Room 110, Cambridge, MD Date: February 25, 2004. 10:30 a.m.
- (3) Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd., Aerie Conference Room, Date: February 26, 2004. 6:00 p.m.

Comments may be submitted at the informational meetings or to Deanna Miles-Brown, TARSA, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd., Ste 540, Baltimore, MD 21230-1718 or by email to [dmilesbrown@mde.state.md.us](mailto:dmilesbrown@mde.state.md.us) until **April 30, 2004**.

(2) Adoptions of Bay Program water uses and standards are planned for calendar 2004. Public hearings are being planned.

### **Air Issues –**

Contact: Karen Irons - 410-537-3256

- none

### **Waste Issues –**

Contact: Herb Meade – 410-537-3314 or Hilary Miller 410-537-3431

- none

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 109</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 21, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 11 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Morhaim and Bobo	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Cathode Ray Tubes and Computer Products - Collection Systems Prohibiting a manufacturer from selling, using, distributing, or offering to sell a computer product or a cathode ray tube after July 1, 2005, unless the manufacturer implements a specified collection system plan; requiring a collection system to include specified elements; requiring a manufacturer to submit a specified report to the Department within a specified time period; authorizing the Department to order manufacturers to take specified actions under specified circumstances; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 111</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 21, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 11 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Morhaim and Bobo	
<b>Entitled</b>	Solid Waste Disposal - Cathode Ray Tubes - Computer Monitors and Television Screens Prohibiting any person from disposing of a cathode ray tube (CRT) from a computer monitor or television in any location not designated by the Department of the Environment for the management and recycling of used CRTs on or after December 31, 2005; prohibiting any sanitary landfill, solid waste transfer station, or incinerator from accepting a CRT on or after that date; requiring the Office of Recycling to develop a method for the management and recycling of used CRTs; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 113</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 20, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Heard JANUARY 28 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Morhaim	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Construction of Wells - Minimum Yield Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from adopting rules and regulations that approve a domestic well with a yield of less than 4 gallons per minute; and providing for the application of the Act	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 136</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 20, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Heard JANUARY 28 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Hubbard, Frush, Bobo, Bronrott, Montgomery, V. Clagett, and Franchot	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Products That Contain Mercury - Labeling and Disposal Prohibiting manufacturers and retailers from selling, on or after April 1, 2006, specified products that contain mercury unless a specified label is affixed to the product; exempting specified products that contain mercury from the labeling and disposal requirements; providing for specified information to be included on the label; prohibiting a person from disposing of specified products that contain mercury, on or after October 1, 2006, unless specified conditions have been met; etc	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 153</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 21, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 11 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Hubbard	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Air Quality - New Source Review Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from altering specified regulations that existed on December 30, 2002, related to the review of a new source that may cause or control emissions into the air unless specified conditions are met.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>SB 183</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 2, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - Withdrawn Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Brochin, Colburn, Hooper, Jacobs, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Schrader, and Stoltzfus	
<b>Entitled</b>	Water Pollution - The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	

<a href="#"><b><u>SB 184</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 23, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	No Hearing Scheduled
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Astle, Brinkley, Colburn, Currie, Hafer, Hooper, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Munson, Schrader, Stoltzfus, and Stone	
<b>Entitled</b>	Department of Natural Resources - Chesapeake Bay Recovery Fund	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 214</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 28, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 11 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate C. Davis	
<b>Entitled</b>	Department of the Environment - Ombudsman Program Establishing an Ombudsman Program in the Department of the Environment; requiring the Secretary of the Environment to appoint an Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to receive and investigate specified complaints, use alternative dispute resolution procedures, and act as a liaison between citizens and the Department; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 272</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 28, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 11 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate McIntosh	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Lead Poisoning Prevention - Fees Increasing from \$10 to \$50 the annual fee collected by the Department of the Environment on each rental property that is an "affected property" under the law on reduction of lead risk in housing; and increasing from \$5 to \$25 the processing fee collected by the Department on each rental property for which the owner submits a report stating that the unit is lead free.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 288</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 28, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 18 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The Speaker and the Minority Leader (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Edwards, Bartlett, Bates, Bobo, Boschert, Boutin, Bromwell, Cane, Cryor, Eckardt, Elliott, Elmore, Frank, Glassman, Haddaway, Harrison, Hubbard, Jennings, Kelly, Krebs, McComas, McKee, McMillan, O'Donnell, Owings, Parrott, Rudolph, Shank, Smigiel, Sossi, Stocksdale, Stull, Walkup, Weir, Weldon, Wood, and Zirkin	
<b>Entitled</b>	Department of Natural Resources - Chesapeake Bay Recovery Fund Creating a Chesapeake Bay Recovery Fund in the Department of Natural Resources; specifying the components, uses, and status of the Fund; allowing public charities to establish donor-advised charitable giving funds, if the Department agrees, for specified purposes; establishing a Chesapeake Bay Recovery Commission; specifying the Commission's composition and duties; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 291</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of January 28, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 12 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The Speaker and the Minority Leader (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Edwards, Bartlett, Bates, Bohanan, Boutin, Cane, Conway, Cryor, Dwyer, Eckardt, Elliott, Elmore, Frank, Glassman, Haddaway, Hogan, Hubbard, Impallaria, James, Jameson, Jennings, Krebs, McComas, McConkey, McHale, McKee, Minnick, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Owings, Parrott, Rudolph, Shank, Sossi, Stocksdale, Stull, Weldon, and Wood	
<b>Entitled</b>	Water Quality Improvement Act - Nutrient Management Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to accept specified data to develop a nutrient management plan; establishing the administrative requirements for the nutrient management plan; requiring the Department of Agriculture to renew an applicant's certificate or license for a specified term in specified instances; providing that the Department of Agriculture may issue a certificate for an operator to develop the operator's own nutrient management plan in specified instances; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b>HB 292</b></a>	<b>Status as of January 30, 2004: Bill is in the House - Withdrawn Environmental Matters</b>		
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The Speaker and the Minority Leader (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Edwards, Amedori, Aumann, Bates, Cryor, Eckardt, Elmore, Frank, Glassman, Haddaway, Hubbard, Jennings, Kelly, Krebs, Malone, McComas, McConkey, McIntosh, O'Donnell, Sossi, Stocksdale, Stull, Walkup, Weir, Weldon, and Wood		
<b>Entitled</b>	Water Pollution - The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund in the Department of the Environment; imposing an environmental surcharge on users of wastewater facilities; providing for the amount and collection of the surcharge; specifying the components, uses, and status of the Fund; establishing a Watershed Restoration Fund Advisory Committee; specifying the committee's composition and duties; etc.		
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters		

<a href="#"><b>HB 294</b></a>	<b>Status as of January 28, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 19 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The Speaker and the Minority Leader (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Edwards, Aumann, Bartlett, Barve, Bates, Boschert, Boteler, Boutin, Burns, Cane, V. Clagett, Costa, Cryor, Eckardt, Elmore, Frank, Frush, Glassman, Goldwater, Hammen, Hogan, Holmes, Hubbard, Kelly, Krebs, Leopold, Malone, Marriott, McComas, McConkey, McHale, McIntosh, Miller, Mitchell, Moe, Morhaim, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, O'Donnell, Owings, Parker, Parrott, Ross, Rudolph, Sossi, Stern, Stocksdale, Stull, Walkup, Weir, Weldon, and Wood	
<b>Entitled</b>	<b>Brownfields Redevelopment Reform Act</b> Allowing specified applicants and properties to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program in the Maryland Department of the Environment; providing for application procedures and fees; allowing public participation; making some persons and properties eligible for money from the Brownfields Redevelopment Incentive Program; creating a work group to make recommendations; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b>HB 314</b></a>	<b>Status as of January 28, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 10 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Bobo, Hubbard, Bronrott, Cardin, V. Clagett, Mandel, Menes, Montgomery, Morhaim, Rosenberg, and F. Turner	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Establishment of Low Emissions Vehicle Program - Emissions Standards and Compliance Requirements Requiring the Department of the Environment and the Motor Vehicle Administration to adopt regulations by December 31, 2006 to establish a specified low emissions vehicle program applicable to vehicles of the model year 2010 and each model year thereafter; requiring the Administration and the Department to establish specified motor vehicle emissions standards and compliance requirements; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b>HB 328</b></a>	<b>Status as of January 28, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 11 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Morhaim and Bobo	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Electronic Waste Management Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before October 1, 2005, to establish an electronic waste recycling system that includes electronic waste collection and recycling facilities; providing qualifications for electronic waste collectors and recyclers; requiring the Department to give preference to specified existing collectors and recyclers; requiring the Department to adopt regulations regarding the qualifications for electronic waste collection and recycling facilities; etc	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b>HB 493</b></a>	<b>Status as of February 2, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 19 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Environment)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Hazardous Material Security Creating a new subtitle regarding hazardous material security within the Environment Article; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b>HB 494</b></a>	<b>Status as of February 2, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 26 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Environment)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Tidal Wetlands Violations - Criminal and Administrative Penalties Authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose specified penalties for violations of tidal wetlands provisions under specified circumstances; establishing criteria for consideration in the assessment of penalties; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b>HB 495</b></a>	<b>Status as of February 2, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 26 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Environment)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Water Management Administration - Wetlands and Waterways Programs Fees Authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt specified rules and regulations; requiring such rules and regulations to set application fees for specified permits and licenses; requiring the Department to consult with specified persons when adopting such rules and regulations; establishing the Wetlands and Waterways Programs Fund and mandating that it receive specified funds; requiring owners of specified marinas to pay a specified fee to the State; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 503</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 5, 2004: Bill is in the House - Re-assigned Economic Matters</b>	No Hearing Scheduled
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environmental Trust Fund - Extension of Environmental Surcharge Extending the environmental surcharge on specified electrical energy generated in the State until 2010	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Economic Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 555</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 4, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 25 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The Speaker and Minority Leader (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Amedori, Aumann, Bates, Costa, Cryor, Dwyer, Eckardt, Edwards, Elmore, Frank, Glassman, Haddaway, Hubbard, Jennings, Kelly, Krebs, Malone, McComas, McConkey, McIntosh, Minnick, O'Donnell, Sossi, Stocksdale, Stull, Walkup, Weir, Weldon, and Wood	
<b>Entitled</b>	Water Pollution - The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund in the Department of the Environment; imposing an environmental surcharge on users of wastewater facilities; providing for the amount and collection of the surcharge; specifying the components, uses, and status of the Fund; establishing a Watershed Restoration Fund Advisory Committee; specifying the Committee's composition, terms, and duties; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 628</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 4, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing MARCH 4 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate McIntosh	
<b>Entitled</b>	Local Governments - Regulation of Residential Property for Rent or Lease - Lead Risk Reduction Requirements Requiring the owner of residential property that is rented or leased to certify to the local government that regulates the property that the property is exempt from or complies with statutory requirements regarding lead risk reduction; applying the Act to the regulation in any manner by a local government of residential property that is rented or leased; and authorizing a local government to forward to the Department of the Environment any information obtained under the Act.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 638</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 4, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Environmental Matters</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 19 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Costa, V. Clagett, and McConkey	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Sanitary Landfills Increasing from \$2,000 to \$3,000 the amount of the bond for each acre to which a specified sanitary landfill permit applies; increasing from \$25,000 to \$50,000 the amount of the minimum security required for specified sanitary landfills; altering from 5 to 10 years the term of the postclosure period for specified sanitary landfills during which bonds must remain on deposit; repealing the authority of the Department of the Environment to release required security before the end of the postclosure period; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Environmental Matters	

<a href="#"><u>HB 648</u></a>	<b>Status as of February 4, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations</b>	No Hearing Scheduled
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Hubbard	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Air Pollution – Mercury Encouraging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to comply with the Clean Air Act with respect to mercury and to require coal-fired power plants to utilize Maximum Available Control Technology.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: House Rules and Executive Nominations	
<a href="#"><u>HB 666</u></a>	<b>Status as of February 4, 2004: Bill is in the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations</b>	No Hearing Scheduled
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chairman, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request - Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Biological Agents Registry Program Providing for the release of specified information to specified agencies; prohibiting disclosure of specified information to another person or entity unless authorized; clarifying the definition of a specified term; and defining specified terms.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	House: Health and Government Operations	

<a href="#"><u>SB 19</u></a>	<b>Status as of January 14, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	Heard JANUARY 27 1:30 p.m.
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Pipkin	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Dredged Material Management - Duties of Executive Committee Requiring the Executive Committee overseeing the development of the State's plan for dredged material management to, in conjunction with stakeholders, review the State's dredging needs and placement requirements and recommend to the Governor novel and innovative methods of minimizing the quantities of dredged material while sustaining maritime commerce in the Port of Baltimore.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	

<a href="#"><u>SB 52</u></a>	<b>Status as of January 7, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	Heard JANUARY 22 1:45 p.m.
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request - Departmental - Planning)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Priority Funding Areas - Funding of Sewerage and Water Supply Systems Authorizing the State, without the approval of the Board of Public Works, to provide funding for specified water supply or sewerage facilities not in a priority funding area under specified circumstances.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	

<a href="#"><u>SB 65</u></a>	<b>Status as of January 27, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	Heard FEBRUARY 3 1:30 p.m.
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request - Departmental - Environment)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Water Quality – Penalties Increasing the maximum penalties that may be imposed for knowingly making false statements or falsifying monitoring devices or methods in violation of water quality laws.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	

<a href="#"><u>SB 116</u></a>	<b>Status as of January 27, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	Heard FEBRUARY 3 1:30 p.m.
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Kelley, Britt, Conway, Exum, Frosh, Green, Lawlah, McFadden, Pinsky, Ruben, and Teitelbaum	
<b>Entitled</b>	Environment - Applications for Licenses or Permits Requiring the Department of the Environment to consider violations of the Environment Article or regulations adopted under that article when considering whether to issue specified licenses or permits or to impose conditions on the issuance of specified licenses or permits.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	

<a href="#"><u>SB 182</u></a>	<b>Status as of February 4, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	<b>Hearing FEBRUARY 17 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Astle, Brinkley, Colburn, Dyson, Greenip, Hafer, Haines, Harris, Hogan, Jacobs, Middleton, Mooney, Munson, Pipkin, and Stoltzfus	
<b>Entitled</b>	Water Quality Improvement Act - Nutrient Management Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to accept specified data to develop a nutrient management plan; establishing the administrative requirements for the nutrient management plan; requiring the Department of Agriculture to renew an applicant's certificate or license for a specified term in specified instances; providing that the Department of Agriculture may issue a certificate for an operator to develop the operator's own nutrient management plan in specified instances; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	

<a href="#"><u>SB 183</u></a>	<b>Status as of February 2, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - Withdrawn Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Brochin, Colburn, Hooper, Jacobs, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Schrader, and Stoltzfus	
<b>Entitled</b>	Water Pollution - The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	

<a href="#"><u>SB 186</u></a>	<b>Status as of January 23, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	No Hearing Scheduled
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Astle, Brinkley, Brochin, Currie, Della, Dyson, Greenip, Hafer, Harris, Hollinger, Hooper, Jacobs, Jimeno, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Lawlah, Middleton	

	Munson, Schrader, Stoltzfus, and Stone
<b>Entitled</b>	Brownfields Redevelopment Reform Act Allowing specified applicants and properties to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program in the Maryland Department of the Environment; providing for application procedures and fees; allowing public participation; making some persons and properties eligible for money from the Brownfields Redevelopment Incentive Program; creating a work group to make recommendations; etc.
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	

<a href="#"><b><u>SB 320</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 2, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	No Hearing Scheduled
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Colburn, Haines, Hooper, Jacobs, Kittleman, Schrader, and Stoltzfus	
<b>Entitled</b>	Water Pollution - The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Restoration Fund in the Department of the Environment; imposing an environmental surcharge on users of wastewater facilities; providing for the amount and collection of the surcharge; specifying the components, uses, and status of the Fund; establishing a Watershed Restoration Fund Advisory Committee; specifying the Committee's composition, terms, and duties; etc.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	

<a href="#"><b><u>SB 382</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 4, 2004: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	No Hearing Scheduled
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Della and Jimeno	
<b>Entitled</b>	Ambient Air Quality Control Permit - Rendering Facility - Prohibited Location Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing an ambient air quality control permit for the construction or operation of a rendering facility if the facility site is located within a 2-mile radius of the boundary of a municipal corporation or any other area zoned for residential use.	
<b>Committee Assignments</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	