

General Services and Agriculture, in close consultation with the county agricultural preservation advisory boards, shall evaluate the feasibility of instituting a preapproved purchase value option for landowners who wish to participate in the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation program, and shall submit an interim report by January 15, 1991 and a final report by May 1, 1991. Both reports shall be submitted to the Governor, the Senate Budget and Taxation and House Ways and Means Committees and the Department of Fiscal Services.

*SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any revenue in the special county account for Prince George's County that has not been expended or committed prior to June 30, 1991 shall be transferred to the Prince George's County Program Open Space Account and may be used only to acquire woodland or to purchase agricultural easements.*

SECTION 4 ~~5~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved April 24, 1990.

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CHAPTER 66

(House Bill 392)

AN ACT concerning

**Oil Discharges and Spills – Prevention and Response**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Department to adopt certain specified regulations; requiring the Department to assume control of an oil discharge or spill situation under certain circumstances; consolidating responsibility for developing a program to enable the State to respond to an emergency oil spillage in the waters of the State in the Department; consolidating responsibility for administering certain bond requirements in the Department; authorizing security other than bonds to be posted under certain circumstances; increasing the amount of certain bond or security requirements; specifying that the bond or security requirements for vessels carrying or receiving more than a certain amount of oil in or entering upon the waters of the State to discharge or receive a cargo of any bulk oil in the State also apply to barges doing the same; authorizing the Secretary to waive certain requirements under certain circumstances; specifying that certain penalties and forfeitures are to be credited to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund (Fund); ~~increasing certain license fees;~~ increasing the limit placed on the Fund at which the collection of license fees will abate; increasing the limit placed on the Fund at which the collection of license fees will resume; requiring other agencies that assist the Department in responding to an oil discharge or spill to charge and collect a certain compensatory fee from the person responsible for the discharge; altering a certain exemption from certain Maryland bond requirements; specifying that the duty to report a discharge or spill of oil to the Department applies to barges; specifying