

# SENATE BILL 149

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By: **Senator Astle**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Electronic Licensing – Voluntary Donations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a process  
4 through which an individual who obtains a license, permit, or registration through  
5 the electronic licensing system may make a voluntary monetary donation to the  
6 Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust  
7 Fund at the time the license, permit, or registration is obtained; requiring the  
8 Department to collect the donations made under this Act and distribute the proceeds  
9 in a certain manner; establishing authorized uses of funds donated under this Act;  
10 establishing a certain annual reporting requirement; and generally relating to the  
11 establishment of a voluntary donation process through the electronic licensing  
12 system of the Department of Natural Resources.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Natural Resources  
15 Section 1–403  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Natural Resources**

21 1–403.

22 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the Department may  
23 develop and implement an electronic system for the sale and issuance of licenses, permits,  
24 and registrations and the recording and releasing of security interests.

25 (b) The electronic system may include provisions for:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) Recording titling and registration data;
- 2 (2) Recording and releasing liens without the issuance of a security interest  
3 filing; and
- 4 (3) Recording information relating to an application for a license, permit,  
5 or registration.

6 (c) The Department shall develop the electronic system consistent with the  
7 statewide information technology master plan developed under Title 3A, Subtitle 3 of the  
8 State Finance and Procurement Article.

9 (d) The Department may adopt regulations to:

- 10 (1) Implement the electronic system authorized under this section; and
- 11 (2) Determine the appropriate fee levels that may be charged by a vendor  
12 and by the Department for the electronic transmission service.

13 **(E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS THROUGH**  
14 **WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OBTAINS A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR REGISTRATION**  
15 **THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM MAY MAKE A VOLUNTARY MONETARY**  
16 **DONATION TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST AND THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC**  
17 **COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND AT THE TIME THE LICENSE, PERMIT, OR**  
18 **REGISTRATION IS OBTAINED.**

19 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

20 **(I) COLLECT ANY DONATIONS MADE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION;**  
21 **AND**

22 **(II) DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS OF THE DONATIONS AS**  
23 **FOLLOWS:**

24 **1. 50% TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST ESTABLISHED**  
25 **UNDER § 8-1902 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND**

26 **2. 50% TO THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL**  
27 **BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 8-2A-02 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

28 **(3) (I) THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST MAY USE THE FUNDS IT**  
29 **RECEIVES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS AND OTHER**  
30 **RESOURCES TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, CIVIC**  
31 **GROUPS, SCHOOLS, OR PUBLIC AGENCIES FOR PROJECTS TO ENHANCE OR**

1 PROMOTE:

2 1. PUBLIC EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE PUBLICATION  
3 OR PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, CONCERNING THE CHESAPEAKE  
4 BAY, THE MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS, THE YOUGHIOGHENY WATERSHED, AND  
5 OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES;

6 2. THE PRESERVATION OR ENHANCEMENT OF WATER  
7 QUALITY AND FISH OR WILDLIFE HABITAT;

8 3. THE RESTORATION OF AQUATIC OR LAND  
9 RESOURCES;

10 4. REFORESTATION; AND

11 5. TRAINING IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OR  
12 ENHANCEMENT.

13 (ii) FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC  
14 COASTAL BAYS 2010 TRUST FUND MAY BE USED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL  
15 ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO ADVANCE MARYLAND'S PROGRESS IN MEETING THE  
16 GOALS ESTABLISHED IN THE 2014 CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED AGREEMENT  
17 AND TO RESTORE THE HEALTH OF THE ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS BY FOCUSING ON  
18 NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECTS, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER TITLE  
19 8, SUBTITLE 2A OF THIS ARTICLE.

20 (4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT  
21 SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE  
22 STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE COLLECTION,  
23 DISTRIBUTION, AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY VOLUNTARY MONETARY DONATIONS  
24 MADE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2018.