

HOUSE BILL 149

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HB 160/21 – ENT

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By: **Delegate Bagnall**

Requested: October 20, 2021

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wetlands and Waterways – Riparian Rights – Voluntary Registry and Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and
4 maintain a voluntary registry on the Department's website for property owners who
5 have registered a claim of riparian rights with the Department; requiring the
6 Governor to appropriate funds to the Department to cover the cost of establishing
7 and maintaining the registry; requiring the holder of a covenant for riparian rights
8 to be provided notice of a certain proposed project at a certain time; and generally
9 relating to riparian rights.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Environment

12 Section 16–201.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Environment**

18 **16–201.1.**

19 **(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A PUBLICLY**
20 **ACCESSIBLE VOLUNTARY REGISTRY ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE OF PROPERTY**
21 **OWNERS WHO HAVE REGISTERED A CLAIM OF RIPARIAN RIGHTS WITH THE**
22 **DEPARTMENT.**

23 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE INFORMATION THAT A**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 PROPERTY OWNER IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRY
2 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

3 (3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE
4 DEPARTMENT TO COVER THE COST OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE
5 REGISTRY.

6 (B) THE HOLDER OF A COVENANT FOR RIPARIAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING A
7 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, SHALL BE PROVIDED NOTICE OF A PROPOSED PROJECT
8 IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE COVENANT AT THE
9 BEGINNING OF THE STATE OR LOCAL PERMITTING OR OTHER APPROVAL PROCESS
10 FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2022.