

HOUSE BILL 626

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Discharge of Pollutants – Permit Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting a person from having to hold a certain discharge permit
4 for a facility, outlet, or establishment that makes a certain amount of a concrete
5 product under certain circumstances; making a stylistic change; and generally
6 relating to the discharge of pollutants into waters of the State.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Environment
9 Section 9–323
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Environment**

15 9–323.

16 (a) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A**
17 person shall hold a discharge permit issued by the Department before the person may
18 construct, install, modify, extend, alter, or operate any of the following if its operation
19 could cause or increase the discharge of pollutants into the waters of **[this] THE** State:

20 (1) An industrial, commercial, or recreational facility or disposal
21 system;

22 (2) A State–owned treatment facility; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) Any other outlet or establishment.

2 (b) By rule or regulation, the Department may require a discharge permit for
3 any other activity.

4 **(C) A PERSON IS NOT REQUIRED TO HOLD A DISCHARGE PERMIT UNDER**
5 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR A FACILITY, AN OUTLET, OR ANY OTHER**
6 **ESTABLISHMENT THAT MAKES LESS THAN 50 YARDS OF A CONCRETE PRODUCT**
7 **PER WEEK IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE FACILITY, OUTLET, OR**
8 **ESTABLISHMENT DOES NOT CAUSE OR INCREASE THE DISCHARGE OF ANY**
9 **POLLUTANT INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2012.