

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Shari T. Wilson, Secretary

BILL NO: SB 88

COMMITTEE: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

POSITION: Support

**TITLE: Environment – Controlled Hazardous Substance
Advisory Council**

BILL ANALYSIS: The proposed legislation would extend the terms for members of the Controlled Hazardous Substance (CHS) Advisory Council to 10 years and require that the Council meet only at the discretion of the Secretary of the Department of the Environment.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Department supports SB 88. This proposal would allow staff time currently devoted to support of the activities of the Council to be assigned to other priority duties. It is estimated that savings of approximately \$3,000 in staff costs, travel reimbursement and other expenditures per year would be realized with the reduction in meeting frequency of the Council. Since there have been no new hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities permitted in the State in approximately 20 years, the only activities that would likely need review the by the Council would be ongoing changes to the State's hazardous waste regulations as a result of changes in federal hazardous waste laws.

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