

**2006 Legislative Session and  
The Bay Restoration Fund**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
SB-5	Changing the Septic fee allocations from 60% for septic upgrades and 40% for cover crop activities to 40% for septic upgrades and 60% for cover crop activities.	House passed with Amendments. Senate refuses to concur Amendments. Conference Committee was appointed
HB-558	Authorizing the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to provide grants or loans for the cost of repairing or replacing a failing onsite sewage disposal system, with priority given to low-income users.	Passed
SB-379 And HB-1588	Upgrade all wastewater treatment plants in the Patuxent watershed before 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Major POTW before 2012</li> <li>- 50,000 gallons per day or more before 2016</li> <li>- All others before 2020</li> </ul>	Passed
HB-1321	Exempting users of onsite sewage disposal systems and sewage holding tanks that are consistently operated and maintained in accordance with State law and regulations from paying specified Bay restoration fees.	Withdrawn
SB-174 And HB-276	Repealing the requirement that users of onsite sewage disposal systems and holding tanks pay Bay restoration fees.	Unfavorable
HB-235	Authorizing a county to opt out of collecting the Bay restoration fee from users of onsite sewage disposal systems or holding tanks; and prohibiting a county from applying for funds from the Bay Restoration Fund if it chooses to opt out of collecting the fee.	Unfavorable