

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
LEGISLATIVE COMMUNIQUE  
Date: April 11, 2007**

**BILL IDENTIFICATION:**

- **Legislative Body:** Maryland House of Delegates/Senate **Bill Number:** House Bill 1220; Senate Bill 901
- **Committee/Subcommittee:** Environmental Matters
- **Name:** Chesapeake Bay Green Fund
- **Primary Sponsor(s):** Del. Maggie McIntosh (Identical bill by Sen. Conway)
- **Status of Bill:**
  - House Action : Passed**

**Senate Action: Failed in Committee**

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**PURPOSE OF BILL:**

This bill would establish a Chesapeake Bay Green Fund, effective January 1, 2008, to provide funding to various State agencies and the Chesapeake Bay Trust for bay restoration and growth management activities. The fund would be administered by the Comptroller and would be financed by an impervious surface fee of \$2 per square foot of "new impervious surface" development outside of existing priority funding areas (PFAs) and \$0.25 per square foot of "new impervious surface" development inside existing PFAs. State and local governments are exempted from paying the fee although mitigation is required on government projects that include the construction of impervious surfaces. The bill would also establish a Chesapeake Bay Green Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee. As presently written, the bill would take effect on July 1, 2007.

**OUTCOME:**

The bill passed the House but died in the Senate Committee on Environmental Matters. According to news summaries, Sen. Miller blocked this and many other bills that either raised revenue or required new spending because of the state's looming budget shortfall.