

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to protect the State's marine and coastal environment from pollution by oil and other marine pollutants discharged from ships:

(a) by repealing and re-enacting the *Marine Pollution Act 1987*, which currently prohibits discharges of oil and noxious liquid substances, and

(b) by implementing additional provisions of the *International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973* (known as **MARPOL**), so as to also prohibit discharges of harmful substances in packaged form and discharges of sewage and garbage.