



## **PHOTO BRIEF:**

# **Stiffer Penalties for Illegal Dumping Enacted**

**AUGUST 1, 2019** – At the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary in Wilmington on Monday, Gov. John Carney joined lawmakers and environmental advocates to sign a law cracking down on illegal dumpers.

Sponsored by State Sen. Stephanie Hansen, (D-Middletown) and State Rep. Kevin Hensley (R-Townsend, Odessa, Port Penn) [Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 5](#) creates enhanced penalties for illegally dumping a "substantial quantity of litter" (more than a standard garbage can) on public or private land.

A person found guilty of dumping under the legislation can be punished with a fine of at least \$500 and 8 hours of community service for a first offense, and a minimum fine of \$1,000 and at least 16 hours of community service for a second offense within two years.

An additional \$500 would be tacked on to any penalty for a violation committed within a state park, state forestry area, state wildlife area, federal wildlife refuge, or National Park Service property.

The bill was approved in the General Assembly without a dissenting vote.