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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Water and Sewer - Lots - Sewer Connections**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain county plans for water and sewer systems
4 allow for a certain number of connections between certain lots and a State sewer
5 line bypassing the lot; and generally relating to sewer connections.

6 BY renumbering

7 Article - Environment

8 Section 9-505(a)(14) through (19), respectively

9 to be Section 9-505(a)(16) through (21), respectively

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Environment

14 Section 9-505(a)(14) and (15)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

17 **Preamble**

18 WHEREAS, In our efforts to reduce pollution and improve water quality in our
19 Chesapeake Bay, sewer lines have been extended in many existing waterfront
20 communities at the shared expense of federal, State, and local jurisdictions; and

21 WHEREAS, The State is striving to achieve "Smart Growth" to minimize
22 sprawl and preserve as much of our farmland and woodland as possible; and

23 WHEREAS, The goal should be to make use of existing infrastructure and
24 allow at least one dwelling to be located on any buildable parcel of land that can be
25 served by the extension of sewer lines; now, therefore,

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 9-505(a)(14) through (19), respectively, of Article -

1 Environment of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
2 9-505(a)(16) through (21), respectively.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
4 read as follows:

5 **Article - Environment**

6 9-505.

7 (a) In addition to the other requirements of this subtitle, each county plan
8 shall:

9 (14) ALLOW FOR ONE CONNECTION BETWEEN A LOT CREATED BY A BONA
10 FIDE INTRAFAMILY TRANSFER UNDER § 8-1808.2 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES
11 ARTICLE AND A STATE SEWER LINE BYPASSING THE LOT;

12 (15) ALLOW FOR ONE CONNECTION BETWEEN A STATE SEWER LINE
13 BYPASSING A PARCEL IF THE PARCEL EXISTED BEFORE THE CREATION OF
14 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREAS UNDER § 8-1802.2 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES
15 ARTICLE AND WAS EXEMPTED FROM THE 1-IN-20-ACRE DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT
16 PERMITTED FOR PARCELS LOCATED WITHIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREAS;

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
18 effect October 1, 2004.