

SENATE BILL 404

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Sewage Sludge – Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a
4 sewage sludge utilization permit under certain circumstances; requiring the
5 Department to record a copy of a certain permit in certain land records under
6 certain circumstances; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a
7 certain list of certain property; and generally relating to the use of sewage
8 sludge.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Environment
11 Section 9–236 and 9–241
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Environment**

17 9–236.

18 (A) The Department shall issue a sewage sludge utilization permit to an
19 applicant who meets the requirements of this Part III of this subtitle.

20 (B) **THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A SEWAGE SLUDGE UTILIZATION**
21 **PERMIT UNLESS THE LAND ON WHICH THE SEWAGE SLUDGE IS TO BE APPLIED IS**
22 **OWNER–OCCUPIED.**

23 9–241.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A)** To allow the public to identify every permit that the Department issues
2 for a particular tract of land, the Department shall maintain a permanent public
3 record of all sewage sludge utilization permits issued under § 9–236 of this subtitle.

4 **(B) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER EACH LAND APPLICATION OF SEWAGE**
5 **SLUDGE IS AUTHORIZED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RECORD A COPY OF THE**
6 **PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF SEWAGE SLUDGE IN THE LAND**
7 **RECORDS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LAND IS LOCATED.**

8 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF**
9 **STATE-OWNED PROPERTY ON WHICH SEWAGE SLUDGE MAY BE APPLIED.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2011.