

Chapter 368

(House Bill 539)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Reuse of Water Diverted From Septic Systems

FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to use water that is generated by certain activities and collected for reuse, instead of discharged to ~~an~~ a residential on-site water treatment system, and that does not contain certain constituents, for certain purposes on the site on which the reusable diverted water originates and in accordance with certain requirements; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the reuse of water diverted from on-site sewage disposal systems.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9-1113

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

9-1113.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “REUSABLE DIVERTED WATER” MEANS WATER THAT IS:

(1) ~~GENERATED~~ IS GENERATED BY:

(I) BACKWASHING AN ON-SITE POTABLE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM; OR

(II) USING AN ICE MAKER; ~~AND~~

(2) ~~COLLECTED~~ IS COLLECTED FOR REUSE INSTEAD OF DISCHARGED TO ~~AN~~ A RESIDENTIAL ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; AND

(3) CONTAINS NO CONSTITUENTS THAT ARE DETRIMENTAL TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON

MAY USE REUSABLE DIVERTED WATER FOR BENEFICIAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING:

- (I) GARDENING;**
- (II) COMPOSTING;**
- (III) LAWN WATERING; AND**
- (IV) IRRIGATION; ~~AND~~**
- ~~(V) FLUSHING OF A CONVENTIONAL TOILET OR URINAL.~~**

(2) A PERSON MAY USE REUSABLE DIVERTED WATER ONLY:

(I) ON THE SITE ON WHICH THE REUSABLE DIVERTED WATER ORIGINATES; AND

(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL LAWS OR REGULATIONS, INCLUDING STATE AND LOCAL PLUMBING CODES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 30, 2019.