

HOUSE BILL 202

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of the Environment – SepticSmart Week in Montgomery County**

3 **MC 17–19**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to establish a certain
5 period of time as SepticSmart Week in Montgomery County; requiring the
6 Department to use certain educational materials and other resources to promote
7 community awareness regarding the proper use and maintenance of on–site sewage
8 disposal systems and certain impacts of proper design, installation, operation, and
9 maintenance of on–site sewage disposal systems; and generally relating to on–site
10 sewage disposal systems in Montgomery County.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Environment

13 Section 9–1113

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Environment**

19 **9–1113.**

20 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH THE THIRD WEEK IN SEPTEMBER**
21 **AS SEPTICSMART WEEK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**

22 **(B) DURING SEPTICSMART WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE THE**
23 **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS PROVIDED UNDER THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 PROTECTION AGENCY'S SEPTICSMART INITIATIVE AND OTHER RESOURCES TO
2 PROMOTE COMMUNITY AWARENESS REGARDING:

3 (1) THE PROPER USE AND MAINTENANCE OF ON-SITE SEWAGE
4 DISPOSAL SYSTEMS; AND

5 (2) THE IMPACT OF PROPER DESIGN, INSTALLATION, OPERATION,
6 AND MAINTENANCE OF ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS ON:

7 (I) PRESERVING SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND WATERS;

8 (II) PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH; AND

9 (III) AVOIDING COSTLY REPAIRS.

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