

# HOUSE BILL 836

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sewage Treatment Plants – Effluent Discharges – Impacts on Midge Populations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to monitor effluent  
4 discharged from sewage treatment plants and evaluate whether the effluent impacts  
5 certain midge populations; requiring the Department to report to the General  
6 Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to effluent discharged  
7 from sewage treatment plants and impacts on midge populations.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Environment

10 Section 9–321.3

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Environment**

16 **9–321.3.**

17 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

18 **(1) MONITOR EFFLUENT DISCHARGED FROM SEWAGE TREATMENT**  
19 **PLANTS; AND**

20 **(2) EVALUATE WHETHER THE EFFLUENT AND ANY NUTRIENTS IN THE**  
21 **EFFLUENT IMPACTS MIDGE POPULATIONS IN THE SURROUNDING LAND AND WATER**  
22 **AREAS, INCLUDING WHETHER THE EFFLUENT CONTRIBUTES TO THE GROWTH OF**  
23 **PHYTOPLANKTON.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
2 **DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
3 **§ 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED**  
4 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2020.