

# HOUSE BILL 267

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 ~~submit a semiannual~~ report  
6 to the General Assembly on or before ~~certain dates~~ a certain date each year,  
7 beginning in a certain year; and generally relating to effluent discharged from  
8 sewage treatment plants and impacts on midge populations.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Environment

11 Section 9–321.3

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### 16 **Article – Environment**

#### 17 **9–321.3.**

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3           **(2) EVALUATE WHETHER THE EFFLUENT AND ANY NUTRIENTS IN THE**  
4 **EFFLUENT IMPACTS MIDGE POPULATIONS IN THE SURROUNDING LAND AND WATER**  
5 **AREAS, INCLUDING WHETHER THE EFFLUENT CONTRIBUTES TO THE GROWTH OF**  
6 **PHYTOPLANKTON.**

7           **(B) ON OR BEFORE ~~APRIL 1 AND~~ OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN**  
8 **2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~SUBMIT A SEMI-ANNUAL~~ REPORT TO THE GENERAL**  
9 **ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,**  
10 **ON THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
11 **SECTION.**

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
13 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.