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## Senate Education Health and Environmental Affairs

## **Position : IN FAVOR**

I have spent the past 40 years of my life working in all the western counties of Maryland and a few of the central counties preforming septic system installations, maintenance, designs and inspections and I have witnessed the shock of many homeowners discovering that the septic inspection they paid for was a complete waste of money performed by a person who had no or very little experience in the septic industry. When they learn there is no oversight or licensing or any coarse of legal action for help with the problem or to simply try and stop the bad actor the 2nd wave of shock sets in and for the really unlucky owners who discover the cost to fix there problem is a Innovative & Alternative system for \$ 35,000.00 to \$ 50,000.00 the shock turns to sickness. No homeowner should ever suffer these consequences while the person who placed them in this horrible situation continues on paid in full with no chance of being held accountable and simply waits on his next victim.

The mortage company's require the buyers to have a septic system inspection completed because they fully realize with no working system the house is worthless so I think the state should try and be sure the inspectors have some oversight to assure a certain level of integrity be maintained for standard consumer protection.

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