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**Sb 113 Environmental Health Specialist and On-Site Sewage Disposal
Systems – Transfer of Responsibilities and Standards, Regulation,
Applications and Plans**

Education Health Environmental Affairs

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Position: Favorable with Amendments

As an On-site Waste Water professional I appreciate Sen. Hester efforts to improve this industry both in timeliness and effectiveness. I want to focus on two sections of the legislation: the Data base and the time frames.

We particularly support the requirement for a database to log in septic system process and would support adding a workgroup to determine the best way to get Maryland into this century with a comprehensive data base on septic systems like other states have. We would not have to reinvent the wheel but learn from places like Florida.

We agree with others that the time frame to approve or deny a septic permit with in 2 months posses many problems. Much of the backlog is due to serous staffing shortages and also poor design of the lore complicated systems. Giving this kind of time frame could result in weak permits and poorly designed systems. That is not the outcome we want.

We appreciate the opportunity we have had to work with Sen. Hester and will continue to do so on this issue.

Matthew Geckle
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