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**By: Senator Haines (Carroll County Delegation)**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Account to Fund Alternative and Innovative Public Health Projects**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Health Department of Carroll County to establish a  
4 certain account for the purpose of funding a grant program to correct certain public  
5 health hazards with certain methods; requiring the Carroll County Health  
6 Department to fund the account by depositing into the account a certain amount of  
7 every fee collected from a certain soil percolation test; requiring grants from the  
8 account to be awarded by a certain committee; providing for the membership of the  
9 committee; and generally relating to the establishment of a certain account to fund  
10 certain public health projects in Carroll County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article - Environment  
13 Section 1-101(a) and (d) and 9-204(a)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article - Environment  
18 Section 9-204(b)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Environment**

24 1-101.

25 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (d) "Department" means the Department of the Environment.

27 9-204.

28 (a) This section applies to any water supply system, sewerage system, refuse  
29 disposal system that is for public use, or any refuse disposal system that is a solid waste

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1 acceptance facility as defined in § 9-501(n) of this title if the solidwaste acceptance  
2 facility is installed, altered, or extended after July 1, 1988.

3 (b) (1) The Secretary may adopt reasonable and proper regulations for  
4 submission of plans. These regulations may include the collection of a fee at the time of  
5 application for:

6 (i) A permit issued under this section for a privately owned water  
7 supply or sewerage system; or

8 (ii) A permit applied for by a local unit of government for a privately  
9 financed water supply or sewerage system.

10 (2) The Secretary shall provide the regulated community an opportunity to  
11 participate in the rate setting and regulatory processes.

12 (3) (I) IN CARROLL COUNTY, THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
13 SHALL ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ACCOUNT TO BE USED TO FUND A GRANT PROGRAM  
14 FOR THE CORRECTION OF EXISTING OR POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS  
15 THROUGH INNOVATIVE OR ALTERNATIVE ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS  
16 AND ELIGIBLE SELF-HELP PROJECTS.

17 (II) THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL FUND THE  
18 ACCOUNT BY DEPOSITING \$10 FROM EVERY SOIL PERCOLATION TEST FEE INTO THE  
19 ACCOUNT.

20 (III) 1. A COMMITTEE SHALL ADMINISTER AND AWARD THE  
21 GRANTS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

22 2. THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF SEVEN MEMBERS,  
23 INCLUDING:

24 A. FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CARROLL COUNTY  
25 HEALTH DEPARTMENT;

26 B. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CARROLL COUNTY  
27 GOVERNMENT; AND

28 C. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 1996.