BY: Senator Middleton

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 659 (Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Council" insert "<u>- Committee on Wastewater Treatment Systems</u>"; in line 4, after "Systems" insert "<u>and an Interagency Technical Assistance Committee on Wastewater Treatment Systems</u>"; in lines 5 and 8, in each instance, after "Council" insert "<u>and of the Committee</u>"; in line 6, after "Council" insert "<u>and Committee</u>"; in line 7, in each instance, after "Council" insert "<u>or the Committee</u>"; in line 9, after "<u>termination</u>" insert "<u>of certain provisions</u>"; and in line 11, after "Systems" insert "<u>and the Interagency Technical Assistance Committee on Wastewater Treatment Systems</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 16, strike "safe waterways" and substitute "Safe Waterways".

On page 3, after line 34, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is an Interagency Technical Assistance Committee on Wastewater Treatment Systems.

(b) The Committee shall consist of at least 12 members, including representatives appointed by each of the following agencies and organizations:

- (1) the Department of Housing and Community Development;
- (2) the Department of Planning;
- (3) the Maryland Environmental Service;

- (4) the FORVM for Rural Maryland;
- (5) the Maryland Center for Environmental Training;
- (6) the Environmental Finance Center;
- (7) the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development;
- (8) the Maryland Municipal League;
- (9) the Maryland Association of Counties;
- (10) the Maryland Rural Water Association;
- (11) the Chesapeake Bay Foundation; and
- (12) Safe Waterways in Maryland (SWIM).
- (c) <u>The members shall elect a chairman from among the members of the Committee.</u>
- (d) The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Committee.

(e) <u>A member may not receive compensation for serving on the Committee, but is</u> <u>entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in</u> <u>the State budget.</u>

(f) The Committee shall implement a recommendation of the Governor's Task Force on Upgrading Sewerage Systems by advising local jurisdictions on the efficient operation and financial management of wastewater treatment systems.

(g) <u>The Committee shall report to the State Advisory Council on Water Security and</u> Sewerage Systems on or before November 1 of each year.".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 1, strike "2." and substitute "3."; in line 2, strike "It" and substitute

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"Section 1 of this Act"; and in line 3, after "Assembly," insert "Section 1 of".