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By: **Delegate K. Kelly**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Occupational Safety and Health - Manholes**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law authorizing certain employees to
4 enter a manhole to give certain help; and generally relating to manholes and
5 occupational safety and health.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Labor and Employment
8 Section 5-603
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Labor and Employment**

14 5-603.

15 (a) [(1)] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, whenever an
16 employer has an employee working in a manhole, the employer shall have another
17 employee available in the immediate vicinity of the manhole to give emergency help.

18 [(2)] The employee who is available to give emergency help may enter the
19 manhole to give other help.]

20 (b) For a brief period, a qualified employee who is working alone may enter a
21 manhole where cables or equipment are in service to:

22 (1) perform an inspection;

23 (2) perform housekeeping;

24 (3) take readings; or

1 (4) do other work if it can be performed safely.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
3 October 1, 2002.