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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Wastewater Treatment Facilities - Notice of Discharges**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to impose certain  
4 additional conditions relating to certain notice requirements on certain  
5 discharge permits; defining certain terms; and generally relating to providing  
6 notice to the public of discharges from wastewater treatment facilities.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Environment  
9 Section 9-301  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Environment  
14 Section 9-326(c)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Environment**

20 9-301.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (b) "Board" means the Water Science Advisory Board.

23 (c) "COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM" MEANS A WASTEWATER COLLECTION  
24 SYSTEM DESIGNED TO CARRY SANITARY SEWAGE AND STORMWATER IN A SINGLE  
25 PIPE TO A TREATMENT FACILITY.

1 (D) "Discharge permit" means a permit issued by the Department for the  
2 discharge of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the waters of this State.

3 [(d)] (E) "Person" includes the federal government, this State, any county,  
4 municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of this State, or any of their  
5 units.

6 (F) "POINT OF DISCHARGE" MEANS THAT LOCATION IN OR ADJACENT TO A  
7 BODY OF WATER AT WHICH ANY MIXTURE OF LIQUID AND OTHER MATERIALS IS  
8 DISCHARGED OR DEPOSITED.

9 [(e)] (G) "Sewage" means any human or animal excretion, domestic waste, or  
10 industrial waste.

11 [(f)] (H) (1) "Sewerage system" means:

12 (i) The channels used or intended to be used to collect and dispose  
13 of sewage; and

14 (ii) Any structure and appurtenance used or intended to be used to  
15 collect or prepare sewage for discharge into the waters of this State.

16 (2) "Sewerage system" includes any sewer of any size.

17 (3) "Sewerage system" does not include the plumbing system inside any  
18 building served by the sewerage system.

19 9-326.

20 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPOSE AS A CONDITION FOR ALL  
21 DISCHARGE PERMITS THAT THE PERMIT HOLDER POST PERMANENT SIGNAGE THAT  
22 INCLUDES:

23 (I) THE NAME OF THE PERMITTED FACILITY;

24 (II) THE PERMIT NUMBER;

25 (III) THE POINTS OF DISCHARGE OR OUTFALL NUMBER; AND

26 (IV) A WARNING REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE DISCHARGE.

27 (2) THE WARNING REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (C)(1)(IV) OF THIS  
28 SECTION SHALL STATE:

29 (I) FOR A WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, "NOTICE - THIS IS  
30 A WASTEWATER DISCHARGE POINT";

31 (II) FOR A COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM, "WARNING - THIS IS A  
32 COMBINED STORMWATER SEWAGE OUTFALL"; AND

1 (III) FOR A WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM THAT HAS A  
2 DESIGNED, PERMANENT OVERFLOW POINT PRIOR TO REACHING A TREATMENT  
3 PLANT, "WARNING - THIS IS A SANITARY SEWAGE OVERFLOW DISCHARGE POINT".

4 (3) THE SIGNAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE  
5 POSTED AT EACH:

6 (I) POINT OF DISCHARGE; AND

7 (II) POINT AT WHICH THE DISCHARGE ENTERS INTO OR ONTO  
8 PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER, IF DIFFERENT FROM THE POINT OF  
9 DISCHARGE.

10 (4) THE SIGNAGE SHALL BE:

11 (I) AT LEAST 3 FEET ABOVE GROUND LEVEL; AND

12 (II) CLEARLY VISIBLE TO PERSONS ON THE ADJOINING PROPERTY  
13 AND WATERS.

14 (5) THE LETTERING ON THE SIGNAGE SHALL CONFORM TO THE  
15 FOLLOWING SIZE REQUIREMENTS:

16 (I) THE WORDS "NOTICE" AND "WARNING" SHALL BE AT LEAST 3  
17 INCHES TALL; AND

18 (II) THE REMAINING WORDS SHALL BE AT LEAST 2 1/4 INCHES  
19 TALL.

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