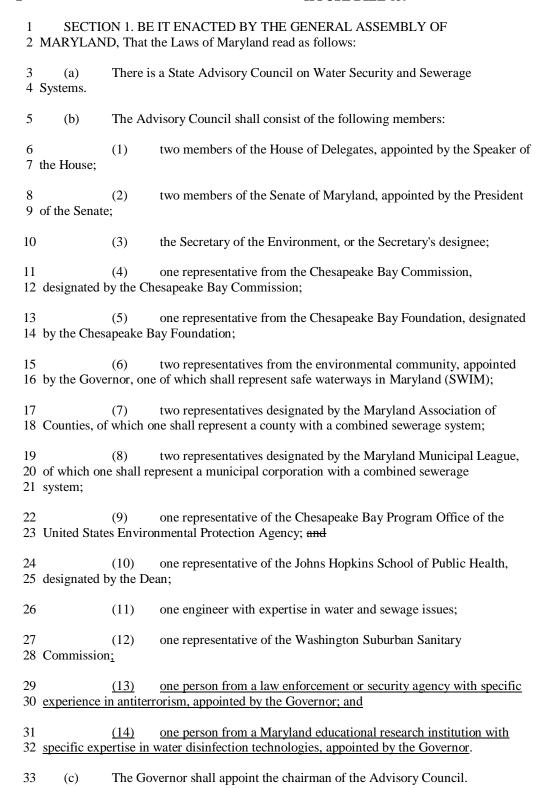
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CHAPTER				
1 AN ACT concerning				
2 Environment - Water Security and Sewerage Systems Advisory Council				
3 FOR the purpose of establishing an Advisory Council on Water Security and Sewerage 4 Systems in the State; specifying the membership and duties of the Advisory 5 Council; providing for the appointment of the chairman of the Advisory Council; 6 providing for Advisory Council staff; prohibiting a member of the Advisory 7 Council from receiving compensation for serving on the Advisory Council; 8 authorizing a member of the Advisory Council to receive reimbursement for 9 specified expenses; providing for the termination of this Act; requiring a certain 10 report; and generally relating to the Advisory Council on Water Security and 11 Sewerage Systems in the State.				
12 Preamble				
WHEREAS, The Governor's Task Force on Upgrading Sewerage Systems delivered its report in December 2001; and				
WHEREAS, That report clearly indicates that the water and sewer pollution will last for decades and will cost millions of dollars to solve; and				
WHEREAS, The redesign, modification, repair, and improvement of sewerage systems will challenge architects and engineers; and				
WHEREAS, The State, counties, and municipalities will need to address this issue continually; and				
WHEREAS, Clean water is essential for all life and human activity; now, therefore,				



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1 2	(d) Council.	The Dep	partment of the Environment shall provide staff for the Advisory		
		A member may not receive compensation for serving on the Advisory is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State lations, as provided in the State budget.			
6	(f)	The Adv	visory Council shall:		
7 8	sewerage sys	(1) tems and	study new and innovative technologies relating to water security and compare the costs of new technologies with current practices;		
9		(2)	develop a priority funding system for implementing new technology;		
10		(3)	develop a plan for regular evaluations at timed intervals;		
11		(4)	develop methods for public education;		
12 13	communities	(5) s;	develop plans to provide technical assistance to small and medium		
14		(6)	study user rates;		
15		(7)	reevaluate and refine local needs data;		
16 17	16 (8) evaluate and review certain water quality regulations and criteria to improve the waters and prevent interim degradation; and				
18		(9)	review the effectiveness of water and sewer plans;		
	of chlorinati		study and assess the levels, potential health effects, and persistence oducts in the water supply as they may affect individuals living land;		
24			assess alternative methods of disinfection that may involve lower by-products in the water supply, and the potential health d benefits, that may accrue from using these alternative		
26 27	use of chlori	(12) ine in dri	study the environmental and public health issues surrounding the nking water and wastewater treatment;		
28 29	chlorine in d	(13) Irinking v	perform a risk assessment and cost analysis relating to the use of water and wastewater treatment; and		
30 31	chlorine in d	(14) Irinking v	examine the security issues surrounding the use and storage of water and wastewater treatment.		
	The Advisory Council shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2004, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.				

- 1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of
   September 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
   Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.