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By: **The President (Administration) and Senators Dyson, Forehand, Frosh,  
Pinsky, and Van Hollen**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Drinking Water - State Primary Drinking Water Regulations**

3 FOR the purpose of removing the prohibition against the Secretary of the  
4 Environment adopting and enforcing State primary drinking water regulations  
5 that are more stringent than certain national drinking water regulations.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Environment  
8 Section 9-407  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1996 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 - Environment**

14 9-407.

15 (a) The Secretary shall:

16 (1) Adopt and enforce State primary drinking water regulations; and

17 (2) Adopt and implement adequate procedures for enforcing the State  
18 primary drinking water regulations.

19 (b) The State primary drinking water regulations may not[:

20 (1) Be more stringent than the complete interim or revised national  
21 primary drinking water regulations in effect at the time; or

22 (2) Require] REQUIRE the addition of any substance for preventive  
23 health care purposes unrelated to contamination of drinking water.

24 (c) The enforcement procedures shall:

- 1           (1)     Include monitoring and inspection procedures; and
- 2           (2)     Comply with all rules and regulations adopted by the Administrator  
3 under the Federal Act.
- 4           (d)     As the Administrator requires by rules or regulations adopted under the  
5 Federal Act, the Secretary shall keep records and make reports with respect to the  
6 Secretary's activities under this section.

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