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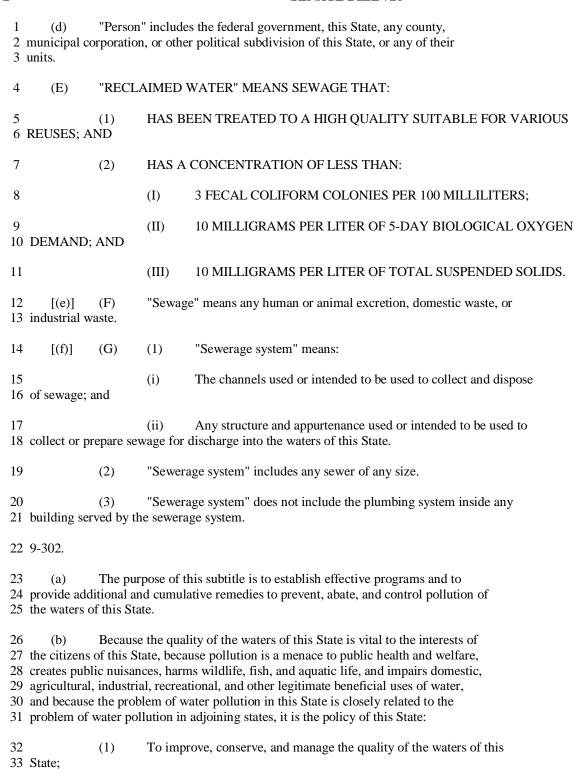
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2	Rec	claimed	N	at	er

- 3 FOR the purpose of declaring certain State policy requiring the Department of
- 4 Environment to encourage the use of reclaimed water for certain purposes;
- 5 authorizing the Department to consult with the State Plumbing Board on
- 6 certain matters; authorizing the use of reclaimed water for certain irrigation
- 7 purposes; authorizing the Department to establish certain buffer and setback
- 8 requirements for the use of reclaimed water for irrigation purposes; defining a
- 9 certain term; and generally relating to the use of reclaimed water.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 11 Article Environment
- 12 Section 9-301 and 9-302
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 15 BY adding to
- 16 Article Environment
- 17 Section 9-303.1
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 22 Article Environment
- 23 9-301.
- 24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 25 (b) "Board" means the Water Science Advisory Board.
- 26 (c) "Discharge permit" means a permit issued by the Department for the
- 27 discharge of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the waters of this State.



SENATE BILL 726

		gation	To protect, maintain, and improve the quality of water for public of wildlife, fish, and aquatic life, and domestic, agricultural, l, and other legitimate beneficial uses;
		ceiving	To provide that no waste is discharged into any waters of this State necessary treatment or other corrective action to protect the uses of the waters of this State; [and]
		itment,	Through innovative and alternative methods of waste and to provide and promote prevention, abatement, and control of pollution; AND
12 13 14	GROUNDWA' EFFLUENT TO ACT TO END	ONSE TER, A O SUR THE I	TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER IN RVE WATER SUPPLIES, FACILITATE THE INDIRECT RECHARGE OF AND DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE TO DISCHARGING WASTEWATER FACE WATERS, THUS PURSUING THE GOAL OF THE CLEAN WATER DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS AND MEET THE NUTRIENT AS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AGREEMENT.
	(-)	d the f	The Department shall cooperate with local governments, agencies of ederal government in carrying out the objectives of subsection
		ÁPPRO	THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONSULT WITH THE STATE PLUMBING PRIATE, ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE OBJECTIVES OF OF THIS SECTION.
22	9-303.1.		
	` /	RNAT	EPARTMENT SHALL ENCOURAGE THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER IVE TO DISCHARGING WASTEWATER EFFLUENT INTO THE SURFACE TATE.
26	(B) Rl	ECLA]	IMED WATER MAY BE USED FOR IRRIGATION OF:
27	(1	.)	FARMLAND;
28	(2	2)	GOLF COURSES;
29	(3	3)	ATHLETIC FIELDS;
30	(4	1)	TURF;
31	(5	5)	LANDSCAPING; AND
32	(6	5)	ANY OTHER USE THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE
	\ /	NTS F	CPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH BUFFER AND SETBACK OR THE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF

- 1 (1) FROM POTABLE WELLS AND SURFACE WATER INTAKES, UP TO 100 2 FEET;
- $_{\rm 3}$ $_{\rm (2)}$ FROM INTERMITTENT AND PERENNIAL STREAMS AND RESIDENTIAL 4 STRUCTURES, UP TO 25 FEET; AND
- 5 (3) FROM SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS, UP TO 50 FEET.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 7 October 1, 2002.