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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Portable Restrooms - Waterless**  
3 **Soap Dispensers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring portable restrooms made available for use by certain  
5 individuals to be equipped with waterless soap dispensers or other device for  
6 hand sanitation; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
7 adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to  
8 waterless soap dispensers and hand sanitation in portable restrooms.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article - Environment  
11 Section 9-201(p) and (u)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article - Health - General  
16 Section 24-213  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Environment**

22 9-201.

23 (p) (1) "Sewerage system" means:

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

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

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

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

6 (u) (1) "Water supply system" means:

7 (i) A source and the surrounding area from which water is supplied  
8 for drinking or domestic purposes; and

9 (ii) Any structure, channel, or appurtenance used to prepare water  
10 for use or to deliver water to a consumer.

11 (2) "Water supply system" does not include the plumbing system inside  
12 any building that is served by the water supply system.

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 24-213.

15 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
16 INDICATED.

17 (2) "PORTABLE RESTROOM" MEANS A PORTABLE ROOM OR TRAILER  
18 THAT:

19 (I) CONTAINS AT LEAST ONE TOILET OR URINAL; AND

20 (II) IS NOT CONNECTED TO A SEWERAGE SYSTEM, WATER SUPPLY  
21 SYSTEM, OR SEPTIC TANK OR OTHER ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM.

22 (3) "SEWERAGE SYSTEM" AND "WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM" HAVE THE  
23 MEANINGS INDICATED IN § 9-201 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

24 (4) "WATERLESS SOAP" MEANS ANTIBACTERIAL HAND SOAP THAT CAN  
25 BE APPLIED WITHOUT THE ADDITION OF WATER AND THAT DOES NOT NEED TO BE  
26 RINSED OFF AFTER USE.

27 (B) A PORTABLE RESTROOM THAT IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY  
28 INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THE OWNER OF THE PORTABLE RESTROOM SHALL BE  
29 EQUIPPED WITH A WATERLESS SOAP DISPENSER OR OTHER DEVICE FOR HAND  
30 SANITATION.

31 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
32 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 October 1, 2006.

