

SENATE BILL 251

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By: **Senator Astle**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2008

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Well Drillers – Permit Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Health to set the
4 permit fee for well drillers so as to produce funds to approximate the cost of
5 certain services; and generally relating to the well drillers permit fee in Anne
6 Arundel County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Environment
9 Section 9–1307
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Environment**

15 9–1307.

16 (a) In applying for a permit to drill a well, the well driller shall give the
17 Department any information the Department requires.

18 (b) As a condition to issuing a permit to drill a well, the Department may
19 require that samples of the materials encountered in drilling the well be preserved
20 and submitted to the Department.

21 (c) (1) (i) A county board of health may establish a permit fee to
22 defray county expenses in inspecting wells, collecting water samples, and issuing
23 certificates of potability.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) For an interim certificate of potability, a county board of
2 health shall accept initial test results prepared by a private State certified laboratory.

3 (2) (i) The fee may be charged before a permit required under §
4 9-1306 of this subtitle is issued.

5 (ii) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF**
6 **THIS PARAGRAPH, THE** fee may not exceed \$160 per well or \$160 per cluster of wells
7 to be used exclusively to transfer heat to or from the ground or groundwater.

8 (iii) **IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ONLY, THE FEE CHARGED**
9 **SHALL BE SET SO AS TO PRODUCE FUNDS TO APPROXIMATE THE COST OF**
10 **INSPECTING WELLS, COLLECTING WATER SAMPLES, AND ISSUING CERTIFICATES**
11 **OF POTABILITY BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.**

12 (3) A permit shall be issued within a reasonable period of time after
13 receipt of the application and shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of
14 issuance by the approved delegated permitting authority.

15 (d) A county board of health may waive a fee for a well that is drilled to
16 replace a well not in conformity with the regulations adopted under § 9-1305 of this
17 subtitle.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2008.