HOUSE BILL 224

C2, L1, M3   0lr0704

By: **Delegates Morhaim, Cardin, McIntosh, and Stein**
Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2010
Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Plumbing – Greywater Recycling**

3   FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county from adopting or enforcing certain provisions
4   of a local plumbing code; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
5   greywater recycling.

6   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7   Article – Business Occupations and Professions
8   Section 12–206
9   Annotated Code of Maryland
10   (2004 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

13   **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

14 12–206.

15   (a)   A county shall:

16   (1)   enforce the State Plumbing Code; or

17   (2)   adopt and enforce a local plumbing code that meets or exceeds the
18 minimum standards of the State Plumbing Code for the proper design, acceptable
19 installation, and adequate maintenance of plumbing systems.

20   **(B)   (1)   IN THIS SUBSECTION:**

21   **(I)   "GREYWATER" MEANS USED, UNTREATED WATER**
22 **GENERATED BY:**

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   **1.   A CLOTHES WASHING MACHINE;**

2   **2.   A SHOWER; OR**

3   **3.   A BATHTUB; AND**

4   **(II)   "GREYWATER" DOES NOT INCLUDE WATER FROM:**

5   **1.   A TOILET;**

6   **2.   A KITCHEN SINK; OR**

7   **3.   A DISHWASHING MACHINE.**

8   **(2)   A COUNTY MAY NOT ADOPT OR ENFORCE A PROVISION OF A**
9   **LOCAL   PLUMBING   CODE   THAT   PROHIBITS   A   SYSTEM   THAT   RECYCLES**
10   **GREYWATER, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE STATE PLUMBING CODE.**

11   **[**(b)**] (C)**   Unless the Board determines that a county is adequately enforcing
12   the State Plumbing Code or a local plumbing code that meets or exceeds the minimum
13   standards of the State Plumbing Code, the Board shall enforce the State Plumbing
14   Code in that county.

15   **[**(c)**] (D)**   The Board may make a cooperative agreement with a county for
16   the county to enforce:

17   (1)   the State Plumbing Code; or

18   (2)   if the county has adopted a local plumbing code, that code.

19   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20   October 1, 2010.