

Chapter 137

(House Bill 224)

AN ACT concerning

Plumbing – Greywater Recycling

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

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

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

12–206.

(a) A county shall:

(1) enforce the State Plumbing Code; or

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

(B) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) “GREYWATER” MEANS USED, UNTREATED WATER GENERATED BY:

- 1. A CLOTHES WASHING MACHINE;**
- 2. A SHOWER; OR**
- 3. A BATHTUB; AND**

(II) “GREYWATER” DOES NOT INCLUDE WATER FROM:

- 1. A TOILET;**
- 2. A KITCHEN SINK; OR**
- 3. A DISHWASHING MACHINE.**

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

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

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

- (1) the State Plumbing Code; or
- (2) if the county has adopted a local plumbing code, that code.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.