

# SENATE BILL 776

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By: **Senators Jennings, Cassilly, and Norman**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Nonprofit Campgrounds**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to authorize a certain  
4 nonprofit campground to use certain on-site sewage disposal systems under certain  
5 circumstances; prohibiting the Department from applying certain criteria to a  
6 nonprofit campground; providing that certain requirements for using the best  
7 available technology for nitrogen removal do not apply to a nonprofit campground;  
8 defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of on-site sewage disposal  
9 systems at nonprofit campgrounds.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Environment

12 Section 9–1112

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Environment**

18 **9–1112.**

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
20 INDICATED.

21 (2) “CAMPsite” MEANS A PORTION OF A NONPROFIT CAMPGROUND  
22 WITH CONNECTIONS TO WATER SUPPLY, ELECTRICAL SERVICE, AND ON-SITE  
23 SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(3) "NONPROFIT CAMPGROUND" MEANS ONE PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND INCLUDING BUILDINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES THAT:

**3 (I) CONTAINS UP TO THREE SEPARATE CAMPSITES;**

4 (II) IS USED FOR TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL OVERNIGHT  
5 OCCUPANCY; AND

6 (III) IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS  
7 EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

8                   (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AUTHORIZE A NONPROFIT CAMPGROUND  
9 WITH AN ACCUMULATIVE MAXIMUM DAILY FLOW OF 5,000 GALLONS PER DAY OR  
10 GREATER TO USE SEPARATE CONVENTIONAL ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS  
11 TO SERVICE SEPARATE CAMPSITES.

12 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT APPLY THE CRITERIA FOR LARGE ON-SITE  
13 SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS UNDER COMAR 26.04.02.05 TO A NONPROFIT  
14 CAMPGROUND.

15 (D) SECTION 9-1108 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND COMAR 26.04.02.07 DO NOT  
16 APPLY TO A NONPROFIT CAMPGROUND.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2017.