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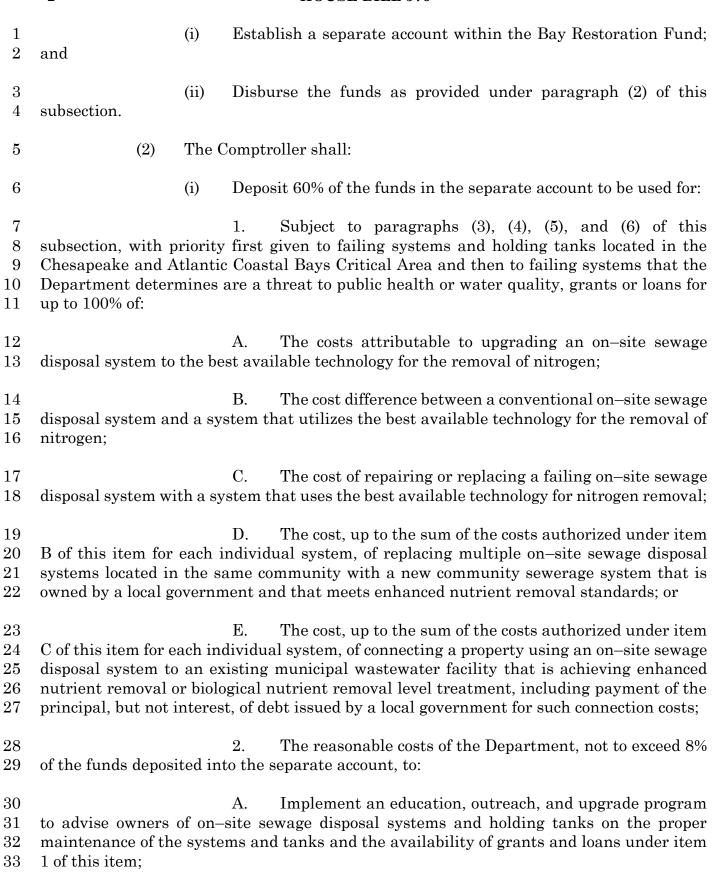
By: Delegates Fisher, Clark, Jackson, Morgan, Rey, and Wilson

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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Bay Restoration Fund - On-Site Sewage Disposal System Grants and Loans - Proof of Income
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of authorizing a homeowner to submit certain documentation as proof of income for a grant or loan to upgrade or repair certain on—site sewage disposal systems; and generally relating to the Bay Restoration Fund.
7 8 9 10 11	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Environment Section 9–1605.2(h)(1) and (2) Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
12 13 14 15 16	BY adding to Article – Environment Section 9–1605.2(h)(8) Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
17 18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
19	Article – Environment
20	9–1605.2.
21 22 23 24	(h) (1) With regard to the funds collected under subsection (b)(1)(i)1 of this section from users of an on—site sewage disposal system or holding tank that receive a water bill and subsection (b)(1)(i)2 and 3 of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2006, the Comptroller shall:





B. Review and approve the design and construction of on–site sewage disposal system or holding tank upgrades;

$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Issue grants or loans as provided under item 1 of this item; and
3 4	D. Provide technical support for owners of upgraded on–site sewage disposal systems or holding tanks to operate and maintain the upgraded systems;
5 6 7 8 9	3. A portion of the reasonable costs of a local public entity that has been delegated by the Department under § 1–301(b) of this article to administer and enforce environmental laws, not to exceed 10% of the funds deposited into the separate account, to implement regulations adopted by the Department for on–site sewage disposal systems that utilize the best available technology for the removal of nitrogen; and
10 11 12 13	4. Subject to paragraph (7) of this subsection, financial assistance to low–income homeowners, as defined by the Department, for up to 50% of the cost of an operation and maintenance contract of up to 5 years for an on–site sewage disposal system that utilizes nitrogen removal technology; and
14 15 16	(ii) Transfer 40% of the funds to the Maryland Agriculture Water Quality Cost Share Program in the Department of Agriculture in order to fund cover crop activities.
17 18 19	(8) FOR A GRANT OR LOAN ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(I)1 AND 4 OF THIS SUBSECTION, A HOMEOWNER MAY SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION AS PROOF OF THE HOMEOWNER'S INCOME:
20 21	(I) A COPY OF THE HOMEOWNER'S INCOME TAX RETURN FOR THE PREVIOUS TAXABLE YEAR; OR
22 23	(II) A LETTER FROM A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT OR INCOME TAX PREPARER CERTIFYING THE HOMEOWNER'S INCOME.
24 25	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.