SENATE BILL 854

By: Senator Eckardt
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning


FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of a certain graywater system to serve a public or private building in certain locations under certain circumstances; requiring the owner or operator of a building using a graywater system to safely dispose of graywater in a certain manner; and generally relating to graywater systems.

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–1112.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

9–1112.1.

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

(2) (I) “GRAYWATER” MEANS UNTREATED WATER GENERATED BY THE USE OF AND COLLECTED FROM A HANDWASHING SINK.

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

1. A SHOWER;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
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2. A TOILET;
3. A BATHTUB;
4. A LAVATORY SINK;
5. A KITCHEN SINK; OR
6. A DISHWASHING MACHINE.

(3) “GRAYWATER SYSTEM” MEANS:

(I) A HOLDING TANK CONNECTED TO A HANDWASHING SINK AND A THREE-COMPARTMENT SANITATION SINK USED TO COLLECT AND STORE GRAYWATER; AND

(II) A HOLDING TANK USED TO COLLECT AND STORE POTABLE WATER.

(4) “HANDWASHING SINK” MEANS A SINK USED FOR HANDWASHING ONLY.

(B) A GRAYWATER SYSTEM MAY BE USED TO SERVE A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE BUILDING THAT:

(1) IS LOCATED ON A FORMER DREDGE SITE; OR

(2) (I) IS LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA WITH MINIMAL PUBLIC ACCESS; AND

(II) OPERATES ON A SEASONAL BASIS.

(C) THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A BUILDING AUTHORIZED TO USE A GRAYWATER SYSTEM UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SAFELY DISPOSE OF THE GRAYWATER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY GUIDELINES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OR A FEDERAL AGENCY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.