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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1296
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring the Department to provide certain public notice that contains certain information;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 8, in line 9, before “**THE**” insert “**(1)**”; and after line 10, insert:

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) ENSURE THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE PILOT PROGRAM ARE PROVIDED IN CLEAR, SIMPLE LANGUAGE THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC CAN EASILY UNDERSTAND;

(II) NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

(III) MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT, INCLUDING USING ALL AVAILABLE COMMUNICATION AVENUES, TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS THE NATURE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY:

(I) SENDING AN EMAIL TO THE APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION LIST;

(II) POSTING NOTICE ON LOCAL NEWSPAPER WEBSITES;

(III) POSTING NOTICE ON THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY WEBSITE; AND

(IV) POSTING NOTICE ON THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S WEBSITE.

(4) THE NOTICE SHALL CLEARLY:

(I) DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF AND PROCESS BEHIND THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

(II) COMMUNICATE THAT "TREATED RECLAIMED WATER" IS WATER FROM A MUNICIPAL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY THAT HAS BEEN TREATED FOR BENEFICIAL USE, INCLUDING DRINKING WATER."