

HOUSE BILL 277

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Requested: August 23, 2024

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Water Bottle Filling Stations – Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a water bottle filling station be installed in certain new
4 construction or as part of certain renovations beginning on a certain date; requiring
5 the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions
6 of this Act; and generally relating to water bottle filling stations.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 9–2701 through 9–2703 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 27. Water
10 Bottle Filling Stations”

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Environment**

16 **SUBTITLE 27. WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS.**

17 **9–2701.**

18 **IN THIS SUBTITLE:**

19 **(1) “WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION” MEANS A PLUMBING FIXTURE**
20 **CONNECTED TO THE POTABLE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND SANITARY**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 DRAINAGE SYSTEM THAT IS DESIGNED AND INTENDED FOR FILLING PERSONAL USE
2 WATER BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS AT LEAST 10 INCHES IN HEIGHT; AND

3 (2) "WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION" INCLUDES:

4 (I) A STATION THAT IS SEPARATE FROM OR INTEGRAL TO A
5 DRINKING FOUNTAIN; AND

6 (II) A STATION THAT INCORPORATES A WATER FILTER AND
7 COOLING SYSTEM FOR CHILLING THE WATER.

8 9-2702.

9 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025, A WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION OR A
10 COMBINED WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION AND DRINKING FOUNTAIN SHALL:

11 (1) BE INSTALLED IN ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR EACH DRINKING
12 FOUNTAIN REQUIRED UNDER THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
13 PLUMBING CODE OR STATE OR LOCAL LAW OR REGULATION;

14 (2) REPLACE A DRINKING FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN AN AREA OF A
15 BUILDING UNDERGOING A RENOVATION IF THE RENOVATION INCLUDES REPLACING
16 THE DRINKING FOUNTAIN; AND

17 (3) BE INSTALLED IN ANY BUILDING UNDERGOING A RENOVATION IF
18 THE INSTALLATION OF A DRINKING FOUNTAIN IS REQUIRED UNDER THE CURRENT
19 VERSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE OR STATE OR LOCAL LAW OR
20 REGULATION.

21 9-2703.

22 THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO
23 CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
25 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
26 application to any new construction under contract before the effective date of this Act.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2025.