

HOUSE BILL 1237

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By: **Delegate Feldmark**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of the Environment – Public Comment Period – Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to accept public
4 comments on certain applications during a certain time period after the date on
5 which notice of the application is published in a newspaper of general circulation;
6 and generally relating to public comment periods.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 1–206

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Environment**

15 **1–206.**

16 **WHENEVER THIS ARTICLE REQUIRES NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A**
17 **PERMIT, LICENSE, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER**
18 **OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENTS**
19 **ON THE APPLICATION FOR:**

20 **(1) THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED IN STATUTE OR REGULATION; OR**

21 **(2) IF NO TIME PERIOD IS SPECIFIED IN STATUTE OR REGULATION, AT**
22 **LEAST 14 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.