

SB0940/143228/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 940
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Mobile Home Parks –**”; in the same line, after “**Testing**” insert “– **Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels Action Plan**”; strike beginning with “to” in line 3 down through “Department” in line 9; in line 10, strike “to address water quality at mobile home parks” and substitute “for secondary maximum contaminant level enforcement”; in lines 10 and 11, strike “water quality testing and mobile home parks” and substitute “secondary maximum contaminant levels”; and strike in their entirety lines 12 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 24, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 through 10, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 25 on page 10, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of the Environment shall develop an action plan for the enforcement of standards for secondary maximum contaminant levels to address water discoloring, taste, and odor at community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems.

(b) The action plan required under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

(1) a listing of the presence and concentrations of secondary contaminants in community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems;

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(2) a draft approach for the enforcement of standards for secondary maximum contaminant levels;

(3) a summary of the regulatory enforcement actions for secondary maximum contaminant levels in place in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, and Maine;

(4) a decision–matrix including the feasibility, benefits, and challenges of enforcing secondary maximum contaminant levels in nontransient, noncommunity water systems;

(5) an evaluation of potential costs to be borne by community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems in order to comply with secondary maximum contaminant level enforcement; and

(6) a projected time frame for implementing the enforcement of secondary maximum contaminant levels in:

(i) community water systems; and

(ii) nontransient, noncommunity water systems.

(c) The Department shall consult with stakeholders, including:

(1) owners and operators of and residents serviced by community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems;

(2) community and nonprofit organizations that represent affected residents;

(3) the Maryland Rural Water Association; and

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(4) any other person the Department determines relevant.

(d) On or before December 1, 2026, the Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.”.

On page 10, in line 27, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after “2026.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July 31, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.