

HOUSE BILL 1337

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By: **Delegate Fair**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Well and Septic Service – Plan Approval**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the local health department in Frederick County to approve,
4 in a certain manner, a plan for well or septic service for a certain lot, or for certain
5 structures or improvements on a certain lot, under certain conditions; and generally
6 relating to plans for well or septic service in Frederick County.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 9–1115

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 **9–1115.**

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

18 **(2) “LOT” MEANS A PARCEL OF LAND THAT WAS SUBDIVIDED AND**
19 **RECORDED IN THE COUNTY LAND RECORDS DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN**
20 **JANUARY 1, 1976, AND DECEMBER 31, 2019, BOTH INCLUSIVE.**

21 **(3) “PLAN” MEANS A PLAN FOR WELL OR SEPTIC SERVICE FOR:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) A LOT; OR**

2 **(II) AN EXISTING OR PROPOSED STRUCTURE OR IMPROVEMENT**
3 **ON A LOT.**

4 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN FREDERICK COUNTY.**

5 **(C) UNLESS THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUES A FORMAL WRITTEN**
6 **FINDING OF IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE, THE**
7 **LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL APPROVE OR OTHERWISE ACCEPT, WITHOUT**
8 **CHANGE OR COMMENT, A PLAN FOR WELL AND SEPTIC SERVICE IF THE PLAN IS**
9 **PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY:**

10 **(1) A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE**
11 **DEPARTMENT IN SAND MOUND CONSTRUCTION AND AT-GRADE CONSTRUCTION FOR**
12 **COMPLEX WELL AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS; OR**

13 **(2) A LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST FOR**
14 **TRADITIONAL BELOW-GRADE WELL AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS.**

15 **(D) A FINDING OF IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR**
16 **WELFARE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE APPEALED TO THE LOCAL HEALTH**
17 **DEPARTMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE FINDING WAS ISSUED.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2026.