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the Maryland Association
of Counties, Inc.



Reply to:

DATE: March 17, 2021
TO: Members, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
FROM: Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors
RE: HB 302 Environment - On-Site Wastewater Services - Regulation

The Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors (the Conference) **supports HB 302 with amendments** with respect to the regulation of on-site wastewater services.

While the Conference appreciates the intent to increase accountability for these activities, we believe the scope of the bill is too broad sweeping in scope. The Conference strongly supports the licensure of on-site wastewater property transfer inspectors; however, there is little evidence to warrant creation of a Board to license a multitude of providers. Minimum standards already exist through state regulation, delegated authority, plumbing codes, and local ordinances that achieve the intended purpose of the bill.

The Conference would support a Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) departmental study with all stakeholders and representatives from industry, the Conference and MACo to identify any systemic problem areas among the on-site wastewater profession.

Given these and other concerns posed by the Conference, we are urge a report on HB 302 of **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this matter. If you have further questions concerning this written testimony, please contact me at 240-777-3840.

Respectfully,

Kenneth Welch, President
Conference of Environmental Health Directors