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**Written Testimony**

**Dorchester County Delegation**

**HB1124 Dorchester County- Well and On-Site Sewage Disposal Activities - Privatization  
Program**

**Environment and Transportation Committee**

**Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**What This Bill Does**

**HB1124** amends current code § 9-1104 to allow MDE to establish a privatization program for activities associated with MDE related to a well or on-site sewage disposal system (septic system) in Dorchester County.

The bill was a request of Dorchester County, and the program will operate under state and county oversight with reporting and compliance requirements to MDE. The pilot shall begin on July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, unless extended by legislation.

**Why We Need This Bill**

**HB1124** will improve efficiency within the Dorchester Health Department by allowing qualified private-sector professionals to assist with well and septic system approvals and addressing resource constraints. Currently, Dorchester County's Health Department manages these approvals under state regulations, requiring permits and inspections by licensed professionals.

**We respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable vote on HB567.**