

HOUSE BILL 1549

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2025

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Departments of Public Works – Water Main Breaks – Publication Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Works for each county in which a
4 water main breaks or leaks to publish certain information on the department’s
5 website; requiring each department to update certain information within a certain
6 time frame; and generally relating to water main breaks and leaks.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Local Government

9 Section 1–1321

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 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 – Local Government**

15 **1–1321.**

16 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR EACH COUNTY IN WHICH A**
17 **WATER MAIN BREAK OR LEAK OCCURS SHALL PUBLISH ON THE DEPARTMENT’S**
18 **WEBSITE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

19 **(1) THE DATE THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED OF THE BREAK OR**
20 **LEAK;**

21 **(2) THE DATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ANY LEGAL AND REGULATORY**
22 **REQUIREMENTS BY THE RELEVANT WATER UTILITY;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) THE DATE OF REPAIR; AND**

2 **(4) THE ESTIMATED WATER LOSS.**

3 **(B) EACH DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE ANY INFORMATION PUBLISHED ON**
4 **ITS WEBSITE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER ANY**
5 **ACTION TAKEN IN RELATION TO A WATER MAIN BREAK OR LEAK.**

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