

HOUSE BILL 506

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Dental Mercury – Water or Sewerage Service Bill Insert**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain water or sewerage service suppliers annually to
4 include with the billing information sent to each customer a bill insert that
5 provides certain information related to dental materials containing mercury;
6 requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to
7 implement this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to providing
8 customers of water and sewerage service suppliers information about dental
9 materials containing mercury.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Environment
12 Section 1–101(a) and (h) and 9–201(a), (p), and (u)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Environment
17 Section 6–908
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Environment**

23 1–101.

24 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (h) "Person" means an individual, receiver, trustee, guardian, personal
2 representative, fiduciary, or representative of any kind and any partnership, firm,
3 association, corporation, or other entity.

4 **6-908.**

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
6 MEANINGS INDICATED.

7 (2) "LARGE WATER OR SEWERAGE SERVICE SUPPLIER" MEANS
8 ANY PERSON WHO OWNS OR OPERATES A WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM OR A
9 SEWERAGE SYSTEM THAT SERVES MORE THAN 100,000 CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS.

10 (3) "PERSON" INCLUDES A COMMISSION, SANITARY DISTRICT,
11 COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BI-COUNTY, OR MULTICOUNTY AGENCY,
12 THE STATE, AND ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR UNIT OF A POLITICAL
13 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

14 (4) "SEWERAGE SYSTEM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §
15 9-201(P) OF THIS ARTICLE.

16 (5) "WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §
17 9-201(U) OF THIS ARTICLE.

18 (B) EACH LARGE WATER OR SEWERAGE SERVICE SUPPLIER SHALL
19 INCLUDE ANNUALLY WITH THE BILLING INFORMATION SENT TO EACH
20 CUSTOMER A BILL INSERT THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON:

21 (1) THE AMOUNT OF MERCURY IN DENTAL AMALGAMS;

22 (2) THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND HAZARDS OF DENTAL
23 MATERIALS CONTAINING MERCURY; AND

24 (3) THE AVAILABILITY OF MERCURY-FREE ALTERNATIVES FOR
25 DENTAL FILLINGS.

26 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT
27 THIS SECTION.

28 9-201.

29 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

30 (p) (1) "Sewerage system" means:

1 (i) The channels used or intended to be used to collect and
2 dispose of sewage; and

3 (ii) Any structure or appurtenance used or intended to be used
4 to collect or prepare sewage for discharge into the waters of this State.

5 (2) "Sewerage system" includes any sewer of any size.

6 (3) "Sewerage system" does not include the plumbing system inside
7 any building served by the sewerage system.

8 (u) (1) "Water supply system" means:

9 (i) A source and the surrounding area from which water is
10 supplied for drinking or domestic purposes; and

11 (ii) Any structure, channel, or appurtenance used to prepare
12 water for use or to deliver water to a consumer.

13 (2) "Water supply system" does not include the plumbing system
14 inside any building that is served by the water supply system.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2013.