

SENATE BILL 835

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By: **Senator Hester**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Delegated Authorities – Well and Septic Program Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a local health department or county government with certain
4 delegated authority to submit, on or before a certain date, a schedule of review times
5 for certain well and septic program permits to the Department of the Environment
6 for approval; requiring a local health department or county government to submit
7 well and septic program permit data to the Department for review at a certain
8 frequency under certain circumstances; and generally relating to local health
9 departments or county governments and well and septic program permits.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Environment

12 Section 9–1114

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Environment**

18 **9–1114.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “DELEGATED AUTHORITY” MEANS A LOCAL HEALTH**
22 **DEPARTMENT OR COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS**
23 **DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER A WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM UNDER WHICH**
2 **A DELEGATED AUTHORITY ISSUES PERMITS FOR:**

3 **(I) THE INSTALLATION OF ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL**
4 **SYSTEMS; AND**

5 **(II) THE CONSTRUCTION OF WELLS.**

6 **(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, A DELEGATED AUTHORITY SHALL**
7 **SUBMIT A SCHEDULE OF REVIEW TIMES FOR WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMITS**
8 **TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL.**

9 **(C) BEGINNING 3 MONTHS AFTER THE SCHEDULE SUBMITTED IN**
10 **ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS APPROVED BY THE**
11 **DEPARTMENT, AND EVERY 3 MONTHS THEREAFTER, A DELEGATED AUTHORITY**
12 **SHALL SUBMIT WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMIT DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT**
13 **FOR REVIEW.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
15 1, 2024.