

HOUSE BILL 831

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By: **Delegate Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Septic Systems – Online Database**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to develop and maintain
4 a certain online database of all septic systems installed in the State to track certain
5 information; requiring a local jurisdiction to report certain information to the
6 Department in a certain manner; requiring the Department to establish a workgroup
7 to oversee the development and population of the database; and generally relating
8 to an online database for septic systems.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Environment

11 Section 9–1114

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Environment**

17 **9–1114.**

18 **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT**
19 **SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN AN ONLINE DATABASE OF ALL SEPTIC SYSTEMS**
20 **INSTALLED IN THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRACKING THE FOLLOWING**
21 **INFORMATION:**

22 **(1) LOCATION, INCLUDING PROPERTY ADDRESS AND LOCATION ON**
23 **THE PROPERTY;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(2) PERMIT NUMBER;**
- 2 **(3) DATE OF INSTALLATION;**
- 3 **(4) SOIL EVALUATION TESTS;**
- 4 **(5) NAME OF DESIGNER AND INSTALLERS;**
- 5 **(6) TYPE OF SYSTEM;**
- 6 **(7) WHETHER THE PROPERTY IS RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, OR**
7 **INDUSTRIAL;**
- 8 **(8) LOCATION OF THE BACKUP DRAIN FIELD, IF APPLICABLE; AND**
- 9 **(9) REPAIR HISTORY, IF A PERMIT WAS REQUIRED.**

10 **(B) (1) EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL REPORT INFORMATION ON**
11 **SEPTIC SYSTEMS TO THE DEPARTMENT IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE**
12 **DEPARTMENT.**

13 **(2) A LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT ALREADY MAINTAINS AN ONLINE**
14 **DATABASE FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS:**

15 **(I) MAY PROVIDE THE LINK TO THE DATABASE WEBSITE TO**
16 **THE DEPARTMENT TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
17 **SUBSECTION; AND**

18 **(II) SHALL MAINTAIN INFORMATION THAT IS SIMILAR TO THE**
19 **INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

20 **(C) IN INITIALLY MAINTAINING THE DATABASE REQUIRED UNDER**
21 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE**
22 **DATABASE:**

23 **(1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, WITH INFORMATION FOR ALL**
24 **SEPTIC SYSTEMS INSTALLED IN THE STATE SINCE THE YEAR 2000; AND**

25 **(2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2033, WITH INFORMATION FOR ALL**
26 **SEPTIC SYSTEMS INSTALLED IN THE STATE BEFORE THE YEAR 2000.**

27 **(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO**
28 **OVERSEE THE DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION OF THE DATABASE.**

1 **(2) THE WORKGROUP SHALL INCLUDE:**

2 **(I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT;**

3 **(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY**
4 **ORGANIZATION;**

5 **(III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE THAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL**
6 **HEALTH SPECIALIST;**

7 **(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE BOARD OF ON-SITE**
8 **WASTEWATER PROFESSIONALS; AND**

9 **(V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION**
10 **OF REALTORS.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2023.