

# SENATE BILL 776

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By: **Senator Mautz**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Graywater Systems – Public and Private Buildings – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of a certain graywater system to serve a public or  
4 private building in certain locations under certain circumstances; requiring the  
5 owner or operator of a building using a graywater system to safely dispose of  
6 graywater in a certain manner; and generally relating to graywater systems.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Environment

9 Section 9–1112.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Environment**

15 **9–1112.1.**

16 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
17 **INDICATED.**

18 **(2) (I) “GRAYWATER” MEANS UNTREATED WATER GENERATED BY**  
19 **THE USE OF AND COLLECTED FROM A HANDWASHING SINK OR A**  
20 **THREE-COMPARTMENT BAR SANITATION SINK.**

21 **(II) “GRAYWATER” DOES NOT INCLUDE WATER FROM:**

22 **1. A SHOWER;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1                                   2.    **A TOILET;**
- 2                                   3.    **A BATHTUB;**
- 3                                   4.    **A LAVATORY SINK;**
- 4                                   5.    **A KITCHEN SINK; OR**
- 5                                   6.    **A DISHWASHING MACHINE.**

6                   **(3)    “GRAYWATER SYSTEM” MEANS A HOLDING TANK CONNECTED TO**  
7 **A HANDWASHING SINK OR A THREE-COMPARTMENT BAR SANITATION SINK USED TO**  
8 **COLLECT AND STORE GRAYWATER.**

9                   **(4)    “HANDWASHING SINK” MEANS A SINK USED FOR HANDWASHING**  
10 **ONLY.**

11                   **(5)    (I)    “THREE-COMPARTMENT BAR SANITATION SINK” MEANS A**  
12 **THREE-COMPARTMENT SINK USED ONLY FOR WASHING BARWARE AND BAR TOOLS.**

13                                   **(II)   “THREE-COMPARTMENT BAR SANITATION SINK” DOES NOT**  
14 **INCLUDE A SINK USED FOR:**

- 15                                   1.    **WASHING GLASSWARE;**
- 16                                   2.    **FOOD SERVICE;**
- 17                                   3.    **PREPARATION TOOLS; OR**
- 18                                   4.    **WASHING UTENSILS.**

19                   **(B)    A GRAYWATER SYSTEM MAY BE USED TO SERVE A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE**  
20 **BUILDING THAT:**

21                   **(1)    IS LOCATED ON A FORMER DREDGE SITE; OR**

22                   **(2)    (I)    IS LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA WITH MINIMAL PUBLIC**  
23 **ACCESS; AND**

24                                   **(II)   OPERATES ON A SEASONAL BASIS.**

25                   **(C)    THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A BUILDING AUTHORIZED TO USE A**

1 GRAYWATER SYSTEM UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SAFELY  
2 DISPOSE OF THE GRAYWATER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY GUIDELINES OR  
3 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF  
4 HEALTH, OR A FEDERAL AGENCY.

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