

# SENATE BILL 827

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Sewage Disposal Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the State may not prohibit the installation of any  
4 on-site sewage disposal system until a certain amount of time after certain  
5 overflows at sewage pumping stations are fully mitigated and certain capital  
6 improvements are made to the sewage pumping stations responsible for the  
7 overflows; and generally relating to sewage disposal systems.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Environment  
10 Section 9–1110  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland contributes only 20% of the total nitrogen  
15 load of the Chesapeake Bay; and

16 WHEREAS, Septic systems contribute only 4% to 8% of Maryland’s nitrogen  
17 load; and

18 WHEREAS, As a result, Maryland’s septic systems contribute no more than  
19 0.8% to 1.6% of the total nitrogen load of the Chesapeake Bay; and

20 WHEREAS, Over 100 million gallons of raw sewage overflowed from the  
21 Patapsco Sewage Pumping Station in Baltimore County into tributaries of the  
22 Chesapeake Bay in August and September of 2011; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, Over 20 million gallons of raw sewage overflowed from sewage  
2 pumping stations in Prince George's County into tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay in  
3 August and September of 2011; now, therefore,

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

6 **Article – Environment**

7 **9–1110.**

8 **THE STATE MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF ANY ON–SITE**  
9 **SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM UNTIL AT LEAST 3 YEARS AFTER:**

10 **(1) ANY OVERFLOW OF 100,000 GALLONS OR MORE OF SEWAGE**  
11 **FROM A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION THAT OCCURS ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1,**  
12 **2011, IS MITIGATED; AND**

13 **(2) THE SEWAGE PUMPING STATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE**  
14 **OVERFLOW IS SUFFICIENTLY UPGRADED WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO**  
15 **PREVENT FUTURE OVERFLOWS.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 June 1, 2012.