

HOUSE BILL 539

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By: **Delegate Cassilly**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Reuse of Water Diverted From Septic Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to use water that is generated by certain activities
4 and collected for reuse, instead of discharged to an on-site water treatment system,
5 for certain purposes on the site on which the reusable diverted water originates and
6 in accordance with certain requirements; defining a certain term; and generally
7 relating to the reuse of water diverted from on-site sewage disposal systems.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Environment

10 Section 9–1113

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Environment**

16 **9–1113.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “REUSABLE DIVERTED WATER” MEANS WATER THAT**
18 **IS:**

19 **(1) GENERATED BY:**

20 **(I) BACKWASHING AN ON-SITE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM;**

21 **OR**

22 **(II) USING AN ICE MAKER; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) COLLECTED FOR REUSE INSTEAD OF DISCHARGED TO AN ON-SITE**
2 **SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM.**

3 **(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON**
4 **MAY USE REUSABLE DIVERTED WATER FOR BENEFICIAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING:**

5 **(I) GARDENING;**

6 **(II) COMPOSTING;**

7 **(III) LAWN WATERING;**

8 **(IV) IRRIGATION; AND**

9 **(V) FLUSHING OF A CONVENTIONAL TOILET OR URINAL.**

10 **(2) A PERSON MAY USE REUSABLE DIVERTED WATER ONLY:**

11 **(I) ON THE SITE ON WHICH THE REUSABLE DIVERTED WATER**
12 **ORIGINATES; AND**

13 **(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL**
14 **LAWS OR REGULATIONS, INCLUDING STATE AND LOCAL PLUMBING CODES.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2019.