

VETOES

WHEREAS, The definition of sewage sludge covers the discharge of wastes from a sewage treatment plant, which processes only human wastes; and

WHEREAS, To avoid any possible confusion over the definition of sewage sludge, it is the intent of the General Assembly that this Act does not apply to the storage or distribution of manure for agricultural purposes; now, therefore,

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

Article - Environment

9-232.

(a) An applicant for a sewage sludge utilization permit shall:

(1) Submit an application to the Department on the form that the Department requires;

(2) Certify by signature the truth and accuracy of the completed application;

(3) Pay the application fee set by the Department to cover the cost of processing the application;

(4) Obtain the written consent of the owner of the land where the sewage sludge will be applied, including an agreement that the owner will not violate the permit; and

(5) Agree to permit or secure access to the sewage sludge utilization site for the purpose of any inspection permitted under § 9-243 of this subtitle.

(b) Before a sewage sludge utilization permit is issued, the applicant for the permit shall:

(1) File with the Department acceptable evidence of a bond or other security that the Department requires under § 9-240 of this subtitle; and

(2) Satisfy every other requirement of this Part III of this subtitle.

9-234.

(a) When the Department receives an application for a permit to utilize sewage sludge at a site, the Department immediately shall mail a copy of the permit application: