

(a) The In fiscal year 2004, the Department of the Environment shall conduct a comprehensive inflow and infiltration data study on every wastewater treatment system. The study shall involve a statewide analysis using readily accessible existing data. This study shall determine whether there is an inflow and infiltration problem and, if so, determine the magnitude of the problem.

(b) The In fiscal year 2005, the Department of the Environment shall conduct at least six contract with the Maryland Environmental Service to conduct at least 3 comprehensive in-depth inflow and infiltration studies at selected wastewater treatment systems around the State that are representative of the inflow and infiltration problems around the State. One of these studies shall be performed on a wastewater treatment system with an average daily discharge over 1 million gallons; one on a wastewater treatment system with an average daily discharge of between 0.5 million and 1 million gallons; and one on a wastewater treatment system with an average daily discharge of less than 0.5 million gallons.

(c) The In fiscal year 2006, the Department of the Environment shall finance a utility rate study for each locality with a wastewater treatment system in Maryland. This study will compare the local jurisdiction's utility rate to that necessary to financially support the jurisdiction's current wastewater treatment program, while ensuring that adequate funding is set aside by the local jurisdiction for a local capital improvement program.

~~SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004 2003.~~

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 179

(Senate Bill 653)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study Moving Overhead Utility Lines Underground

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Moving Overhead Utility Lines Underground; providing for the composition, duties, and staff of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Moving Overhead Utility Lines Underground.

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