

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1051.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1051

AN ACT concerning

Environment - Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement - Fund - Study

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Fund; requiring a certain budget distribution; authorizing the Department of the Environment to award grants to local jurisdictions for improving wastewater infrastructure; establishing certain criteria for eligibility and funding priority; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct certain inflow and infiltration studies on wastewater treatment systems over a certain period; requiring the Department to finance a utility rate study for each locality with a wastewater treatment system in Maryland over a certain period; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to wastewater infrastructure improvement.~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article Environment~~

~~Section 0 352~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)~~

Preamble

WHEREAS, The costs of upgrading sewerage lines and wastewater treatment facilities to meet today's environmental standards and to accommodate growth typically far exceeds the financial resources of most smaller communities in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The availability of an adequate wastewater infrastructure is a vital component of economic and community development strategies of the counties and municipal corporations in the State; and

WHEREAS, The lack of an adequate wastewater infrastructure in many smaller communities poses a serious challenge to the quality of life in these communities and undermines the State's Smart Growth objectives that seek to channel future growth and development into existing populated areas where infrastructure is already in place to accommodate this development; now, therefore,

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