

~~(3) MAKE MORE THAN ONE GRANT AWARD TO FUND A BIOLOGICAL NUTRIENT REMOVAL PROGRAM DURING ANY YEAR TO A LOCAL JURISDICTION OPERATING A WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY DESIGNED TO PRODUCE LESS THAN 500,000 GALLONS PER DAY OF EFFLUENT OUTFLOW.~~

~~(G) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.~~

SECTION 2. 1. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(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.~~

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Dear Mr. Speaker: