Senate Bill 254, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 72.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor

House Bill 72

AN ACT concerning

Environment - Groundwater Contamination - Notification and Reimbursement of Costs

FOR the purpose of altering certain procedures for notification of certain property owners of certain groundwater contamination findings by the Department of the Environment and the local health department; altering certain reimbursement requirements for certain responsible persons; and generally relating to groundwater contamination.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 4-411.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

4-411.2.

- (a) Within 14 days of the finding, the Department shall notify the appropriate local health department of a finding that a groundwater monitoring well sample taken from a high-risk groundwater use area, as defined by the Department, contains:
 - (1) Methyl tertiary butyl ether at or in excess of 20 parts per billion;
 - (2) Benzene at or in excess of 5 parts per billion; or