

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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BILL NO: House Bill 347

COMMITTEE: Environmental Matters

POSITION: Support

TITLE: Environment – Nitrogen Removal Technology – Evaluation and Ranking

BILL ANALYSIS:

This bill requires that the Department evaluate and rank nitrogen removal technologies for septic systems based on the total amount of nitrogen reduction the technology is capable of achieving, cost per pound of nitrogen removal, and cost of the technology including operation and maintenance. The Department is to request the information necessary to evaluate and rank nitrogen removal technologies from vendors biannually. The Department is to advise citizens and local governments of technologies approved for nitrogen removal.

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

The Department supports the intent of this legislation to provide local governments and citizens with the information necessary to make decisions with regard to nitrogen removal technologies. Requesting information from vendors every-other year is sufficient in that the information does not change rapidly enough to request information on a more frequent basis.

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