

# HOUSE BILL 551

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By: **Anne Arundel County Delegation**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Housing and Community Development – Radium Pilot Grant Program –**  
3 **Sunset Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the name of the Radium Pilot Grant Program; repealing a  
5 certain termination provision relating to the ~~Radium Pilot Grant~~ Program; and  
6 generally relating to the Radium Pilot Grant Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Housing and Community Development

9 Section ~~4-1301~~ and 4-1302

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2006 Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Housing and Community Development

14 Section ~~4-1301~~ 4-1303 through 4-1308

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2006 Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

18 Chapter 116 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 2

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
3 Chapter 116 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003  
4 Section 3

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

7 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

8 4–1301.

9 In this subtitle, “Program” means the Radium ~~Pilot~~ Grant Program.

10 4–1302.

11 There is a Radium ~~Pilot~~ Grant Program.

12 4–1303.

13 The purpose of the Program is to provide financial assistance to residential well  
14 owners who incur the cost of adding a water treatment system to remove radium or  
15 gross alpha from well water.

16 4–1304.

17 A county may participate in the Program.

18 4–1305.

19 (a) A county that participates in the Program shall process grant  
20 applications and award grants to residential well owners in accordance with this  
21 subtitle.

22 (b) (1) The Department may award a grant under the Program only to a  
23 residential well owner who resides in a county that participates in the Program.

24 (2) The Department shall award a grant equal to the grant awarded  
25 by the county.

26 4–1306.

1 A residential well owner is eligible for a grant under this subtitle if the  
2 residential well owner:

3 (1) tests a well and finds that it contains radium or gross alpha levels  
4 above the levels recommended by the federal Environmental Protection Agency;

5 (2) installs a water treatment system to remove excess levels of  
6 radium or gross alpha from well water; and

7 (3) does not earn more than 110% of the statewide or Washington,  
8 D.C. Metropolitan statistical area median income.

9 4-1307.

10 (a) The Department shall establish for participating counties a sliding scale  
11 formula, based on income, under which residential well owners with lower incomes are  
12 eligible for larger grants and those with higher incomes are eligible for smaller grants.

13 (b) The combined county and State grants shall equal at least 10% but not  
14 more than 25% of the cost of the water treatment system that the residential well  
15 owner installs.

16 4-1308.

17 The Department may adopt regulations to carry out this subtitle.

18 **Chapter 116 of the Acts of 2003**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the implementation of  
20 this Act is subject to the availability of funds in the State budget. Within 30 days after  
21 this Act is implemented, the Department of Housing and Community Development  
22 shall send to the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis,  
23 Maryland 21401 certification of the date on which the Act is implemented.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 2003. [Upon the implementation of this Act as provided in Section 2 of this Act,  
26 this Act shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years, and on June 30 at the end of the  
27 third year after its implementation, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force  
28 and effect.]

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 July 1, 2007.