

CHAPTER 413

(House Bill 551)

AN ACT concerning

Housing and Community Development – Radium Pilot Grant Program – Sunset Repeal

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 4–1301 and 4–1302
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development
Section ~~4–1301~~ 4–1303 through 4–1308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Chapter 116 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003
Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 116 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003
Section 3

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

Article – Housing and Community Development

4–1301.

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

4-1302.

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

4-1303.

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

4-1304.

A county may participate in the Program.

4-1305.

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

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

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

4-1306.

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

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

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

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

4-1307.

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

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

4-1308.

The Department may adopt regulations to carry out this subtitle.

Chapter 116 of the Acts of 2003

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.