

SENATE BILL 574

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Construction Sites – Rest Rooms**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a State or local authority from issuing a certain
4 building permit for certain construction projects unless the site has a toilet and
5 lavatory that meet certain requirements; requiring certain toilets to be flush
6 toilets under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions only apply
7 to certain construction projects that have a certain total cost; defining a certain
8 term; and generally relating to rest rooms at construction sites.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 24–1601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Rest Rooms at
12 Construction Sites”
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **SUBTITLE 16. REST ROOMS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.**

19 **24–1601.**

20 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “BUILDING PERMIT” MEANS A PERMIT THAT
21 ALLOWS ANY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND IS ISSUED BY ANY STATE OR LOCAL
22 AUTHORITY.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) A STATE OR LOCAL AUTHORITY MAY NOT ISSUE A BUILDING**
2 **PERMIT FOR A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
3 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE SITE HAS:**

4 **(I) A CONVENIENT TOILET THAT IS:**

5 **1. KEPT IN SANITARY CONDITION; AND**

6 **2. PROPERLY VENTILATED; AND**

7 **(II) A CONVENIENT LAVATORY THAT IS:**

8 **1. SUPPLIED WITH SOAP, CLEAN WATER, TOWELS,**
9 **OR OTHER APPROVED HAND DRYING DEVICES;**

10 **2. KEPT IN SANITARY CONDITION; AND**

11 **3. PROPERLY VENTILATED.**

12 **(2) THE TOILETS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
13 **SUBSECTION SHALL BE FLUSH TOILETS IF:**

14 **(I) WATER AND SEWER LINES ARE LOCATED WITHIN 200**
15 **FEET OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE; AND**

16 **(II) FLUSH TOILETS AND SINKS ARE PROVIDED FOR OTHER**
17 **PERSONNEL ON SITE, INCLUDING OFFICE PERSONNEL.**

18 **(C) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES TO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT**
19 **HAVE A TOTAL COST OF \$500,000 OR MORE.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2008.