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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 431 (Allegany County Delegation)  
Commerce and Government Matters Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Allegany County - Water and Sewerage Systems - Benefit Assessments and Connection Charges**

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This bill authorizes the Sanitary Commission in Allegany County to set assessments to pay the cost of capital improvements to a water or sewerage system.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Allegany County revenues and expenditures could increase, with any expenditure increase offset by revenue proceeds from assessments.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Sanitary Commission in Allegany County does not have the authority to set benefit assessments to pay the costs of capital improvements to a water or sewerage system.

**Background:** Water and sewer rates are publicly advertised before being adopted by a governing body. Allegany County advises that assessments will be used for smaller improvements where borrowing is cost prohibitive. Businesses and residential areas will receive benefits of improved water and sewer improvements.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Allegany County revenues and expenditures will increase by an indeterminate amount. Allegany County will recoup the cost of capital improvements to the county's water and sewer systems with benefit assessment charges to users.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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