

## Chapter 458

(Senate Bill 392)

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund – ~~Repeal~~  
Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility**

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund; requiring the County Commissioners of Washington County to ensure service of the debt for the ~~Washington County pretreatment facility~~ Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility from the Washington County general fund and revenues generated by the pretreatment facility; prohibiting the County Commissioners from using the costs of debt service for the ~~Washington County pretreatment facility~~ Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility as a factor in the establishment or adjustment of water and sewer rates in the County; and generally relating to the Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund and the debt service for the ~~Washington County pretreatment facility~~ Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility.

BY repealing

The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
Section 6–505  
Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
Section 6–505  
Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

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

### Article 22 – Washington County

[6–505.

- (a) There is a Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund.
- (b) The Fund is a continuous, nonlapsing fund.

(c) (1) The County Commissioners shall annually appropriate \$500,000 to the Fund.

(2) The appropriation shall be in addition to funds appropriated for any subsidy for Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities.

(3) The appropriation may not be construed to replace or reduce any existing subsidy for Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities.

(4) The amount of any reduction in any existing subsidy for Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities that reduces the existing subsidy below the subsidy for Fiscal Year 2000 shall be appropriated to the Fund.

(d) All profits of the Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility shall be deposited in the Fund.]

**6-505.**

**(A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ENSURE SERVICE OF THE DEBT FOR THE ~~WASHINGTON COUNTY PRETREATMENT FACILITY~~ CONOCOCHAEAGUE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT FACILITY FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY AND FROM THE REVENUES GENERATED BY THE PRETREATMENT FACILITY.**

**(B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT USE THE COSTS OF DEBT SERVICE FOR THE ~~WASHINGTON COUNTY PRETREATMENT FACILITY~~ CONOCOCHAEAGUE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT FACILITY AS A FACTOR IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OR ADJUSTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RATES IN THE COUNTY.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

**Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.**