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House Bill 607

(Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's
County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Customer Notices
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This bill authorizes the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to enter on real property, the common area of a multifamily building, or a commercial building that has a WSSC water or sewer connection at a reasonable time to post a notice on or near the entry door of the building or unit that informs the owner or occupant of any official commission business that affects either the public or that particular property. Before entering the property, WSSC, except in specified emergency situations, must contact and consult with the property manager or owner to mutually agree on the time that the commission may enter the property, the location where the notice is to be posted, and the length of time the notice must remain posted.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill is not expected to materially affect WSSC revenues and expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: WSSC is the eighth largest water and wastewater utility in the country, providing water and sewer services to 1.8 million residents in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. It has over 460,000 customer accounts, serves an area of

around 1,000 square miles, and currently employs more than 1,500 people. The agency operates four reservoirs, two water filtration plants, and six wastewater treatment plants. Additionally, the Blue Plains Water Pollution Control Plant handles as much as 169 million gallons per day under a cost-sharing agreement with WSSC. The agency maintains nearly 5,500 miles of water main lines and over 5,300 miles of sewer main lines.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 579 of 2010 passed the House and was referred to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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