

# HOUSE BILL 640

L5

3lr0512

---

By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2013  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

---

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Sewage Leaks – Notice**  
3 **Requirements**

4 **MC/PG 115–13**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to  
6 notify certain local governments and include notice on the Commission's Web  
7 site about a sewage leak under certain circumstances; requiring the  
8 Commission to adopt regulations to implement this Act; and generally relating  
9 to notice requirements about sewage leaks and the Washington Suburban  
10 Sanitary Commission.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Public Utilities  
13 Section 24–202 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 2. Sewer Cleaning  
14 and Sewage Leaks”  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Public Utilities**

20 Subtitle 2. Sewer Cleaning AND **SEWAGE LEAKS.**

21 **24–202.**

---

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE DISCOVERY OF A LEAK IN A SANITARY**  
2 **SEWER LINE, PIPE, OR FIXTURE THAT IS CONNECTED TO THE SANITARY SEWER**  
3 **SYSTEM OF THE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION SHALL:**

4                   **(1) NOTIFY THE COUNTY AND ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN**  
5 **WHICH THE SEWAGE LEAK IS LOCATED ABOUT:**

6                           **(I) THE SEWAGE LEAK; AND**

7                           **(II) THE COMMISSION'S INTENDED ACTION CONCERNING**  
8 **THE SEWAGE LEAK; AND**

9                   **(2) INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ON THE COMMISSION'S WEB SITE:**

10                           **(I) NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE SEWAGE**  
11 **LEAK; AND**

12                           **(II) THE PHONE NUMBER FOR OBTAINING ADDITIONAL**  
13 **INFORMATION FROM THE COMMISSION.**

14           **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT**  
15 **THIS SECTION.**

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2013.