

Chapter 126

(House Bill 640)

AN ACT concerning

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Sewage Leaks – Notice Requirements

MC/PG 115–13

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

BY adding to

Article – Public Utilities

Section 24–202 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 2. Sewer Cleaning and Sewage Leaks”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Utilities

Subtitle 2. Sewer Cleaning AND SEWAGE LEAKS.

24–202.

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

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

(I) THE SEWAGE LEAK; AND

(II) THE COMMISSION’S INTENDED ACTION CONCERNING THE SEWAGE LEAK; AND

(2) INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ON THE COMMISSION’S WEB SITE:

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.