

## **Chapter 628**

**(House Bill 973)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Commission Infractions – Watershed Regulations**

**PG/MC 102–14**

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum preset fines that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission may establish for certain violations of certain watershed regulations and for a certain repeat offense; increasing the maximum fine for a first or a repeat offense that a person must pay if the District Court finds that the person violated certain Commission watershed regulations; and generally relating to violations of regulations adopted by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 29–102(a) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Public Utilities**

29–102.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person who violates a watershed regulation adopted under § 17–403 of this article has committed a Commission infraction.

(2) A Commission infraction does not include a violation of a watershed regulation declared by law to be a criminal offense.

(3) The Commission may:

(i) establish a schedule of preset fines for each conviction of a Commission infraction under this section;

(ii) impose a preset fine not to exceed ~~[\$50] \$250~~ \$150 for each conviction of a Commission infraction under this section; and

(iii) impose a preset fine not to exceed ~~[\$100] \$500~~ \$300 for a repeat offense.

(4) The recipient of a citation for a Commission infraction shall pay the fine to the Commission within 20 calendar days after the receipt of the citation.

(e) A person found by the District Court to have committed a Commission infraction shall pay a fine not to exceed:

(1) ~~[\$50] \$250~~ \$150 for a first offense; or

(2) ~~[\$100] \$500~~ \$300 for a repeat offense.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

**Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.**