

**HB0218/593999/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 218

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Meters” insert “and Task Force”; in line 12, after the first semicolon insert “establishing the Task Force on the Use of Master Meters for Utility Services in Prince George’s County; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to compile data, study, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to submit a final report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the members of the Prince George’s County Delegation to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; and in line 13, after the semicolon insert “providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 22, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force on the Use of Master Meters for Utility Services in Prince George’s County.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland from Prince George’s County, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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(2) one member of the House of Delegates from Prince George's County, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the General Manager of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, or the General Manager's designee;

(4) one representative of the Office of Community Relations, Common Ownership Communities of Prince George's County; and

(5) two residents of a residential multiple occupancy building that is constructed or converted to condominium or cooperative ownership in Prince George's County, appointed by the County Executive of Prince George's County.

(c) The County Executive of Prince George's County shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Office of Community Relations, Common Ownership Communities of Prince George's County shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall:

(1) study:

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(i) issues related to the use of master meters in residential multiple occupancy buildings that are constructed or converted to condominium or cooperative ownership in Prince George’s County; and

(ii) the amount of money that is owed by unit owners as a result of master meters in residential multiple occupancy buildings that are constructed or converted to condominium or cooperative ownership in Prince George’s County; and

(2) make recommendations related to money that is owed by unit owners as a result of master meters in residential multiple occupancy buildings that are constructed or converted to condominium or cooperative ownership in Prince George’s County.

(g) On or before December 31, 2018, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the members of the Prince George’s County Delegation to the General Assembly.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in the same line, after “That” insert “Section 1 of”; in line 28, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”; and in line 29, after the period insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 13 months and, at the end of June 30, 2019, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.