HOUSE BILL 325

L5, C5 HB 418/18 – ENV

By: Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2019 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Indirect Customer Assistance Program
4	MC/PG 105–19
5 6 7 8 9 10 11	FOR the purpose of authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to establish an Indirect Customer Assistance Program for certain purposes; requiring the Commission to establish certain eligibility standards and processes for receiving certain assistance if the program is established; requiring the program to be funded from Commission revenues; requiring income eligibility standards for the program to be uniformly applied throughout the sanitary district; defining certain terms; and generally relating to customer assistance and rates of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.
13 14 15 16 17	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Utilities Section 25–501 Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
18 19	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
20	Article – Public Utilities
21	25-501.
22 23	(a) The Commission shall set a service rate that the Commission considers necessary to provide funds for:
24	(1) maintaining, repairing, and operating its water supply and sewer

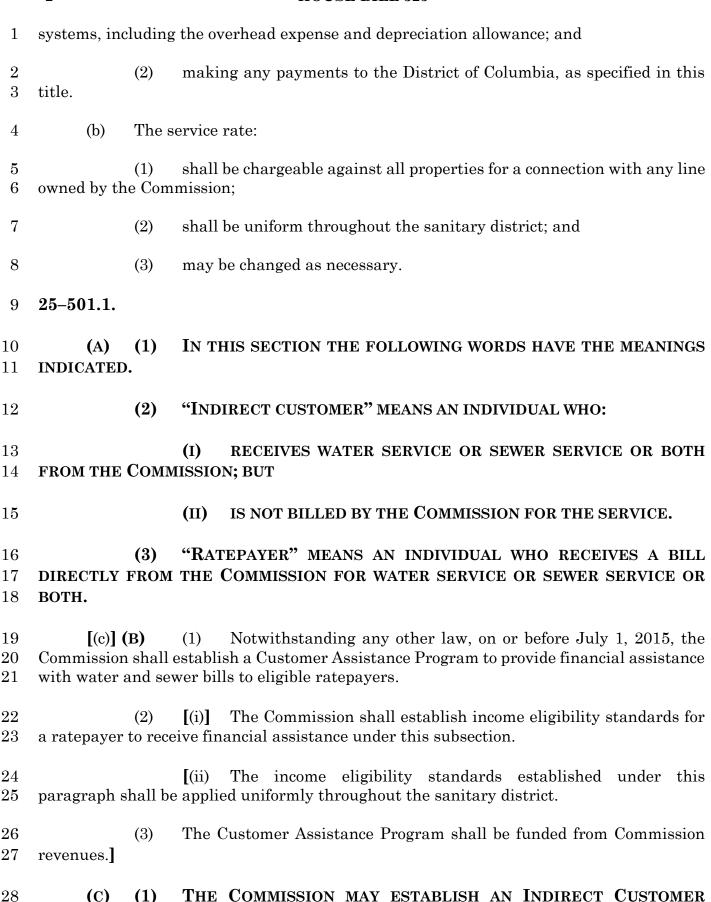
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.



- **(2)** THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL 1 2 ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE INDIRECT CUSTOMERS FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE.
- 3 IF THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES A PROGRAM UNDER THIS COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH INCOME 4 SUBSECTION, THE **ELIGIBILITY** STANDARDS AND A PROCESS FOR AN INDIRECT CUSTOMER TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL 5
- ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM.
- THE CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE INDIRECT 7 (D) 8 CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED FROM COMMISSION 9 REVENUES.
- **(2)** 10 INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS **FOR** THE **CUSTOMER** 11 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE INDIRECT CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 12 SHALL BE APPLIED UNIFORMLY THROUGHOUT THE SANITARY DISTRICT.
- 13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 14 1, 2019.