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**By: Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 1997

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Soil Conservation District - Fees**  
3 **PG 405-97**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring Prince George's County to approve fees for grading and  
5 sediment control plans recommended by the Soil Conservation District to cover  
6 certain costs; and generally relating to the Prince George's County Soil  
7 Conservation District.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Agriculture  
10 Section 8-306(a)(18)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Environment  
15 Section 4-103(c)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Agriculture**

21 8-306.

22 (a) A soil conservation district constitutes a political subdivision of the State, and  
23 a public body corporate and politic, exercising public powers. The supervisors may:

24 (18) Recommend a fee system to cover the cost of reviewing the grading and  
25 sediment control plans. Any recommended fee shall take effect upon enactment by the  
26 local governing body. Any fees collected pursuant to this system shall be supplementary to  
27 county and State funds and may not (i) be used to reduce county or State funds, and (ii)  
28 exceed the cost of reviewing the plans[;]. IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, THE COUNTY  
29 SHALL APPROVE A RECOMMENDED FEE SYSTEM TO COVER THE ACTUAL COST OF  
30 REVIEW, INCLUDING FUNDS FOR ADEQUATE DISTRICT STAFFING;

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1                   **Article - Environment**

2 4-103.

3                   (c) (1) [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS  
4 SUBSECTION, EACH soil conservation district may recommend a fee system to cover the  
5 cost of reviewing the grading and sediment control plans.

6                   (2) Any recommended fee shall take effect upon enactment by the local  
7 governing body.

8                   (3) Any fees collected pursuant to this system shall be supplementary to  
9 county and State funds and may not:

10                               (i) [be] BE used to reduce county or State funds[.]; and

11                               (ii) [exceed] EXCEED the cost of reviewing the plans.

12                   (4) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, THE COUNTY SHALL APPROVE A  
13 RECOMMENDED FEE SYSTEM TO COVER THE ACTUAL COST OF REVIEW OR PROVIDE  
14 FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF REVIEW, INCLUDING FUNDS FOR ADEQUATE  
15 DISTRICT STAFFING.

16                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 1997.