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By: **Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary District - Water Main Breaks - Payment for**
3 **Property Damage**
4 **MC/PG 2-99**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to
6 pay for certain property damage caused by a water main break that occurs on or
7 after a certain date; prohibiting the Commission from making payment under
8 certain conditions; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary
9 Commission and payment for water main breaks.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
12 Section 18-106
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District**

18 18-106.

19 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the WSSC, under
20 rules or regulations adopted by the WSSC, may pay for actual property damage
21 caused by:

1 (I) [a] A sanitary sewer backup occurring on or after July 1, 1979;
2 OR

3 (II) A WATER MAIN BREAK OCCURRING ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1,
4 1999.

5 (2) Payments made under this section are not an admission of liability.

6 (b) The WSSC may not pay for actual property damage caused by a sanitary
7 sewer backup OR WATER MAIN BREAK if the sanitary sewer backup, THE WATER MAIN
8 BREAK, or the resulting damage FROM THE BACKUP OR BREAK was caused by an
9 intentional act or negligence of the owner or tenant of the property.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 1999.