
By: **Senators Currie and Green**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary District - System Development Charge -**
3 **Exemption**
4 **PG/MC 25-00**

5 FOR the purpose of exempting certain residential property in Prince George's County
6 from the system development charge imposed in the Washington Suburban
7 Sanitary District; repealing the discretion to grant a full or partial exemption
8 from the system development charge for certain property; and generally relating
9 to the Washington Suburban Sanitary District system development charge.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
12 Section 6-113(c)(1)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 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 6-113.

19 (c) (1) (i) The Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's
20 County Council shall meet annually to discuss and approve the amount of the system
21 development charge.

22 (ii) The amount of the charge for a particular property:

23 1. Shall be based on the number of plumbing fixtures and the
24 assigned values for those fixtures as set forth in the WSSC plumbing and gas fitting
25 regulations;

26 2. Except as provided in item 3 of this subparagraph, on or
27 after July 1, 1998, may not exceed \$200 per fixture unit;

1 3. For residential properties with five or fewer toilets, shall
2 be based on the number of toilets per dwelling unit and:

3 A. For each apartment unit, may not exceed \$2,000;

4 B. For dwellings with one or two toilets, may not exceed
5 \$3,000;

6 C. For dwellings with three to four toilets, may not exceed
7 \$5,000; or

8 D. For dwellings with five toilets, may not exceed \$7,000; and

9 4. For dwellings with more than five toilets, shall be
10 calculated on a fixture unit basis.

11 (iii) When establishing the charge under this section, the County
12 Councils shall identify and consider the actual cost of construction of WSSC facilities.

13 (iv) When establishing the charge under this section, under criteria
14 established jointly and agreed to by the County Councils, the County Councils:

15 1. Shall grant a full or partial exemption from the charge for
16 public sponsored or affordable housing as jointly defined and agreed upon by the
17 County Councils;

18 2. May grant a full or partial exemption from the charge for
19 revitalization projects; and

20 3. May grant a full or partial exemption from the charge,
21 under conditions prescribed by the County Councils, for:

22 A. [Residential property located in a mixed retirement
23 development as defined in the zoning ordinance of Prince George's County;

24 B.] Residential property located in a planned retirement
25 community as defined in the zoning ordinance of Montgomery County;

26 [C.] B. Other elderly housing; or

27 [D.] C. Properties used for biotechnology research and
28 development, or manufacturing.

29 (v) RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN A MIXED RETIREMENT
30 DEVELOPMENT AS DEFINED IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S
31 COUNTY SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE.

32 (VI) On July 1, 1999, and July 1 of each succeeding year, the
33 maximum charge, as established in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, may be
34 changed by an amount equal to the prior calendar year's change in the Consumer
35 Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States

1 Department of Labor for urban wage earners and clerical workers for all items for the
2 Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, or the successor index.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 2000.