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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 846 (Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

**WSSC Infraction - District Court Jurisdiction
MC/PG 108-01**

This bill clarifies that the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in a proceeding for adjudication of a Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) infraction concerning WSSC regulations governing required permits for utility construction.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not significantly impact governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in a proceeding for adjudication of a WSSC infraction concerning WSSC regulations governing: (1) erosion and sediment control for utility construction; and (2) plumbing, gas fitting, and sewer cleaning.

Background: Chapter 405 of 2000 provided WSSC with civil infraction authority over those who perform public utility construction without required WSSC permits. This bill clarifies the District Court's jurisdiction over this newly granted authority.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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