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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Task Force to Study WSSC**  
3 **System Chlorination**  
4 **PG/MC 127-02**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study WSSC Chlorination; providing  
6 for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task  
7 Force to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for the effective  
8 date and termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to  
9 Study WSSC Chlorination.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Study WSSC System Chlorination.

13 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

14 (1) one member from the delegation to the Maryland House of Delegates  
15 from Montgomery County, selected by the Chairman of the delegation;

16 (2) one member from the delegation to the Maryland House of Delegates  
17 from Prince George's County, selected by the Chairman of the delegation;

18 (3) one member from the delegation to the Senate of Maryland from  
19 Montgomery County, selected by the Chairman of the delegation;

20 (4) one member from the delegation to the Senate of Maryland from  
21 Prince George's County, selected by the Chairman of the delegation;

22 (5) one member designated by the County Executive of Montgomery  
23 County;

24 (6) one member designated by the County Executive of Prince George's  
25 County;

- 1           (7)     one member designated by the Chairman of the Montgomery County  
2 Council;
- 3           (8)     one member designated by the Chairman of the Prince George's  
4 County Council;
- 5           (9)     the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
- 6           (10)    the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
7 designee;
- 8           (11)    two members designated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary  
9 Commission;
- 10          (12)    one member designated by each of the local health departments of  
11 Montgomery County and Prince George's County;
- 12          (13)    one member from the University of Maryland with scientific  
13 knowledge and expertise in water quality issues selected by the Governor; and
- 14          (14)    two members selected by the Governor to represent community  
15 interests in Montgomery County and Prince George's County.
- 16   (c)     Each member of the Task Force shall be appointed on or before July 1,  
17 2002.
- 18   (d)     The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.
- 19   (e)     The Department of the Environment and the Washington Suburban  
20 Sanitary Commission shall provide staff support and technical assistance to the Task  
21 Force.
- 22   (f)     A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on  
23 the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
24 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 25   (g)     The Task Force shall:
- 26          (1)     study the chlorination and other methods used by the WSSC to  
27 disinfect water supplied in the Sanitary District;
- 28          (2)     study and assess the levels, potential health effects, and persistence  
29 of chlorination by-products in the WSSC water supply as they may affect individuals  
30 living and working in the Sanitary District;
- 31          (3)     assess alternative methods of disinfection that may involve lower  
32 levels of chlorination by-products in the WSSC water supply, and the potential health  
33 effects, both risks and benefits, that may accrue from using these alternative  
34 methods;

1           (4)     obtain public input on the use of current and alternative disinfection  
2 methods for the WSSC water supply; and

3           (5)     make appropriate recommendations on any changes that may be  
4 advisable in the disinfection and treatment of water in the WSSC system to maintain  
5 high water quality standards and minimize potential health effects in individuals  
6 living and working in the Sanitary District.

7     (h)     The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
8 House and Senate Delegations to the General Assembly from Montgomery County  
9 and Prince George's County, to the County Executives and County Councils of  
10 Montgomery County and Prince George's County, and to the Washington Suburban  
11 Sanitary Commission on or before December 31, 2002.

12     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
14 2003, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.