Chapter 140

(House Bill 890)

AN ACT concerning

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Pipeline Construction – Contracts

PG/MC 104-12

FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of a "facilities construction contract" to include the construction of a pipeline in order to authorize the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter into a certain design/build contract for pipeline construction; repealing a prohibition on the Commission from entering into a design/build contract for a pipeline; and generally relating to the authority of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter into construction contracts.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 16–101(b) and 20–101(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utilities

Section 20–101(d) and 20–104(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article - Public Utilities

16-101.

(b) "Commission" means the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

20-101.

(b) "Design/build contract" means a contract that provides for both architectural and engineering design services and construction services as a part of a single contract.

- (d) "Facilities construction contract" means a contract that provides services for the construction of:
 - (1) a water or wastewater treatment plant;
- (2) a water or wastewater pumping station and related force mains in the pumping station site limits;
 - (3) a water storage facility;
 - (4) a wastewater storage facility; [or]
 - (5) a building for Commission purposes; **OR**
 - (6) A PIPELINE.

20-104.

- (e) The Commission:
- (1)] may only enter into a design/build contract for a facilities construction contract with costs exceeding \$2,000,000[; and
 - (2) may not enter into a design/build contract for a pipeline].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.