

# HOUSE BILL 598

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By: **Delegate Carr**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Water and Sewer Service – Billing Period**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a political subdivision to bill for water service on an  
4 every other month basis; authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary  
5 Commission to bill for water and sewer usage charges on an every other month  
6 basis; and generally relating to bills for water and sewer service.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Environment  
9 Section 9–720  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Environment  
14 Section 9–724(c)(1)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
18 Article – Public Utilities  
19 Section 16–101(a) and (b)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
23 Article – Public Utilities  
24 Section 25–504(b)  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Environment**

4 9–720.

5 In Part III of this subtitle, “political subdivision”:

6 (1) Means any public body of this State that owns or operates any  
7 water or sewerage system, including:

8 (i) A county;

9 (ii) A commission;

10 (iii) A district; or

11 (iv) A municipal corporation; and

12 (2) Does not include the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

13 9–724.

14 (c) (1) The political subdivision shall send bills for water service to the  
15 property, the property owner, or the property owner’s designee for each property  
16 served on a monthly, **EVERY OTHER MONTH**, quarterly, or semiannual basis.

17 **Article – Public Utilities**

18 16–101.

19 (a) In this division the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (b) “Commission” means the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

21 25–504.

22 (b) (1) The Commission shall bill for the amount of water and sewer usage  
23 charges to each property served monthly, **EVERY OTHER MONTH**, four times a year,  
24 or twice a year, as the Commission determines.

25 (2) On receipt each bill is payable to the Commission.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2013.