

HOUSE BILL 598

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By: **Delegate Carr**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 19, 2013

CHAPTER _____

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)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Public Utilities
3 Section 25–504(b)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Environment**

9 9–720.

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

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

13 (i) A county;

14 (ii) A commission;

15 (iii) A district; or

16 (iv) A municipal corporation; and

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

18 9–724.

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

22 **Article – Public Utilities**

23 16–101.

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

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

26 25–504.

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.