HB0419/620213/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 419</u> (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 28, after the semicolon insert "<u>providing that the Commission</u> <u>Board of Ethics has primary authority over certain investigations; authorizing the</u> <u>Commission Board of Ethics and its counsel to issue subpoenas for certain purposes;</u> <u>authorizing a certain subpoena to be enforced judicially;</u>"; in line 32, after "system;" insert "<u>transferring the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Internal Audit of</u> <u>the Commission to the Office of the Inspector General of the Commission on a certain</u> <u>date; providing that certain employees who are transferred to the Office of the Inspector</u> <u>General shall be transferred without any diminution of certain rights;</u>"; and in line 36, after "17–101" insert "<u>and 19–101</u>".

On page 3, in line 3, strike "and 18-107" and substitute ", 18-107, and 19-106".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, in line 27, strike "4" and substitute "5".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 9, in line 1, strike the second "AND"; and in line 4, after "CONDUCT" insert ";

(5) <u>CONDUCT AUDITS AS REQUIRED UNDER § 25–405 OF THIS</u> <u>ARTICLE; AND</u>

(6) <u>CONDUCT OTHER AUDITS RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE</u> <u>COMMISSION</u>".

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 10, in line 3, after "LAW" insert "<u>OR COMMISSION REGULATIONS</u>"; in line 6, strike "OR"; in line 7, after "(3)" insert "<u>THE COMMISSION BOARD OF ETHICS</u>; <u>OR</u>

<u>(4)</u>";

in line 21, after "(B)" insert "<u>(1)</u>"; in line 23, after "COMMISSION," insert "<u>THE</u> <u>COMMISSION BOARD OF ETHICS</u>,"; and after line 26, insert:

"(2) <u>THE COMMISSION BOARD OF ETHICS SHALL HAVE PRIMARY</u> <u>AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF ABUSE RELATED TO ACTIONS SPECIFIED IN</u> § 17–601(B)(1)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE.".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 13, after line 29, insert:

"<u>19–101.</u>

In this title, "Board" means the Board of Ethics established by the Commission under regulations adopted in accordance with Title 5, Subtitle 8, Part IV of the General Provisions Article.

<u>19–106.</u>

- (A) The Board AND ITS COUNSEL EACH may:
 - (1) administer oaths; AND

(2) ISSUE SUBPOENAS FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES TO TESTIFY OR TO PRODUCE OTHER EVIDENCE.

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(B) <u>A SUBPOENA ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE ENFORCED</u> JUDICIALLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Internal Audit of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall be transferred to the Office of the Inspector General of the Commission on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all employees who are transferred to the Office of the Inspector General of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission as a result of this Act shall be transferred on the effective date of this Act without any diminution of their rights, including collective bargaining rights, benefits, or employment or retirement status.".

On page 14, in line 1, strike "2." and substitute "<u>4.</u>".