

SENATE BILL 337

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By: **Senator Middleton**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Water or Sewage Disposal Systems – Rates**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing the Public Service Commission to authorize a certain rate
4 consolidation of two or more water or sewage disposal systems under certain
5 circumstances; defining the term “rate consolidation”; and generally relating to
6 water or sewage disposal systems.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Utilities

9 Section 4–307

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Public Utilities**

15 **4–307.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RATE CONSOLIDATION” MEANS THE USE OF THE**
17 **SAME OR SIMILAR RATES OR TARIFF SCHEDULES OF RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE**
18 **SAME CLASS FOR TWO OR MORE WATER OR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS EVEN IF THE**
19 **SYSTEMS ARE NOT PHYSICALLY INTERCONNECTED.**

20 **(B) AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS AND HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING, THE**
21 **COMMISSION MAY AUTHORIZE A RATE CONSOLIDATION OF TWO OR MORE WATER OR**
22 **SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IF:**

23 **(1) THE WATER OR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS HAVE COMMON**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 OWNERSHIP; AND

2 (2) THE RATE CONSOLIDATION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2018.