

Chapter 163

(House Bill 326)

AN ACT concerning

**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Office of the Inspector General –
Technical Changes**

MC/PG 104-19

FOR the purpose of correcting certain references to the Office of the Inspector General in statutes of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; providing that certain rights granted to certain Commission merit system employees are not provided to employees in the Office; providing that the Office shall review and approve certain costs for certain facilities designed and constructed by certain developers; correcting erroneous references to the executive director of the Commission in certain provisions of law regarding certain notification and action related to the failure of certain employees and officials to provide certain information or documentation to the Inspector General; and generally relating to the Office of the Inspector General in the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 17-608(a), 18-201(a)(2), and 25-405(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Utilities

17-608.

(a) (1) On request from the inspector general, a Commission employee or official shall promptly provide to the inspector general any available document or other information concerning Commission operations, budget, programs, or vendor contracts.

(2) (i) The inspector general shall notify the Commission chair, vice chair, and [executive director] GENERAL MANAGER if any Commission employee or official fails to provide any information or document requested under this subsection with reasonable promptness.

(ii) The Commission chair, vice chair, or [executive director] GENERAL MANAGER shall take administrative action to produce compliance with a pending request for information by the inspector general as warranted and appropriate.

18–201.

(a) (2) The rights granted to Commission merit system employees under this subtitle do not apply to:

- (i) attorneys in the Office of the General Counsel;
- (ii) confidential employees;
- (iii) probationary employees;
- (iv) employees in the Office of the General Manager;
- (v) employees in the [Internal Audit] Office **OF THE INSPECTOR**

GENERAL;

- (vi) employees in the Office of the Secretary; or
- (vii) supervisors, as defined in § 2(11) of the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 152(11).

25–405.

(d) The [Commission’s internal auditor] **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** shall review and approve the costs incurred by the developer.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.