A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Counties and Municipalities – Water Transfer Fee – Authorization

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to impose a fee on a person who holds a certain permit and transfers surface water or groundwater outside a watershed located wholly or partially within the county or municipality; and generally relating to the authority of local governments to impose a fee on persons who transfer water.

BY adding to

Article – Local Government
Section 16–117
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government

16–117.

(A) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY IMPOSE A Fee on a person who:

(1) holds a permit under Title 5, Subtitle 5 of the Environment Article; and

(2) transfers surface water or groundwater outside a watershed located wholly or partially within the county or municipality.
(B) THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR:

(1) THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(2) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FEE UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.