## **HOUSE BILL 1024**

 $L_5$ 4lr0683 By: Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2024 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 5, 2024 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program - Expansion PG/MC 101-24 FOR the purpose of expanding the Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program to include certain sewer pipes and diagnostic actions; altering the maximum amount of a loan that may be made under the Program; altering the total amount of loans that the Program may provide or have outstanding; altering the amount of funding and fiscal years for which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission must include funding for the Program in the Commission's budget; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Utilities Section 23–205 Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments.

## EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

Chapter 539 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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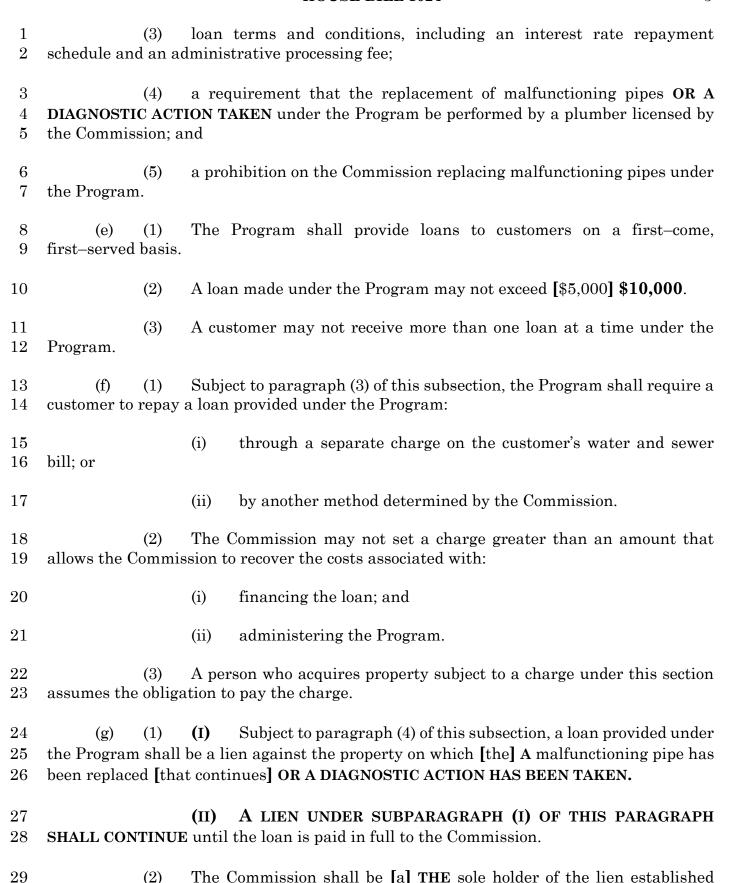
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



$\frac{1}{2}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
3	Article – Public Utilities					
4	23–205.					
5	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.					
6	(2) "Fund" means the Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Fund.					
7 8 9	(3) (i) "Pipe" means a water <b>OR SEWER</b> service pipe connection locate on a Commission customer's property that connects from the Commission's service connection to a customer's residence.					
10	(ii) "Pipe" includes polybutylene pipes.					
11 12	(4) "Program" means the Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program.					
13 14	(b) The Commission shall establish a Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program.					
15 16	(c) The purpose of the Program is to provide loans to residential customers to <b>DIAGNOSE AND</b> finance the replacement of malfunctioning pipes.					
17	(d) The Program shall include:					
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20	(i) customers applying to receive a loan through the Program;					
21 22	(ii) the type of connection pipe that is being installed to replace the existing connection pipe; [and]					
23 24	(iii) the type of malfunction and pipe replacement emergency tha qualifies for the Program; $\mathbf{AND}$					
25 26	(IV) THE TYPE OF DIAGNOSTIC ACTION THAT QUALIFIES FOR THE PROGRAM;					
27 28	(2) a requirement that a customer receive notification or have certification that there is an active leak in [a] THE pipe THAT WILL BE REPLACED;					

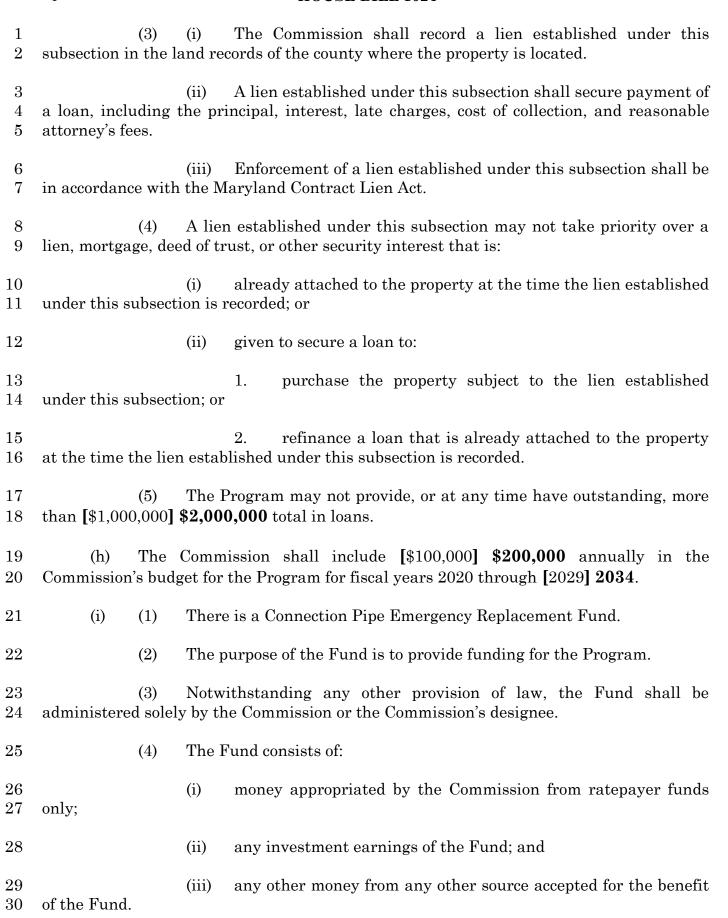


The Commission shall be [a] THE sole holder of the lien established

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under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

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1	(5)	The 1	Fund may be used only for:			
2		(i)	providing loans through the Program; and			
3		(ii)	the administration of the Program.			
4			Chapter 539 of the Acts of 2018			
5 6 7 8	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of [11] <b>16</b> years and, at the end of June 30, [2029] <b>2034</b> , this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.					
9 10	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, $2024$ .					
	Approved:					
				Governor.		
	Delegates.					

President of the Senate.