

HB1168/243729/1

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1168
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 4 down through “District;” in line 8; in line 8, after “charge” insert “assessed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 9 down through “based” in line 10 and substitute “authorizing the Commission to create certain customer classes for minimum or ready to serve charges”; and in line 14, strike “25-501 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 17, insert:

“WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission service rate for water is required to have a minimum or a ready to serve charge under § 25-502(a) of the Public Utilities Article; and

WHEREAS, The ready to serve charge consists of two components: an account maintenance fee and an infrastructure investment fee; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General stated in 2008 that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has the authority to adopt an infrastructure investment fee in addition to an account maintenance fee; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission adopted an infrastructure investment fee effective July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Due to fire code requirements enacted by Montgomery County and Prince George’s County for sprinkler systems in certain homes, a small number of residential homes in the sanitary district are required to receive 1.5-inch meters to accommodate the water flow of the required sprinkler systems; and

WHEREAS, Current law requires the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to set the ready to serve charge based on meter size and not by customer class such as residential, commercial, or industrial; and

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WHEREAS, As a result, residential customers with 1.5-inch meters pay almost seven times the amount of the ready to serve charge paid by other residential customers because of the statutory requirement that this charge be based on meter size; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission desires to correct this inequity by seeking the authority to create customer classes within any given meter size for the ready to serve charge; now, therefore, ”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 15 on page 2, inclusive.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 2 through line 2 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 9, after “(2)” insert “**(I)**”; in the same line, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “**MAY**”; strike beginning with “**OR**” in line 10 down through “**ADOPTS**” in line 11; and after line 11, insert:

“(I) THE COMMISSION MAY CREATE CUSTOMER CLASSES WITHIN ANY METER SIZE FOR THE MINIMUM OR READY TO SERVE CHARGE.”.