

HOUSE BILL 1498

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2025

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Water and Sewer Service Charge Increase – Audit**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Auditor to conduct a certain audit of the
4 Baltimore City Department of Public Works within a certain period of time after the
5 Department increases its water and sewer service charges; and generally relating to
6 water and sewer service charges in Baltimore City.

7 BY adding to

8 The Charter of Baltimore City

9 Article V – Comptroller

10 Section 16

11 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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

14 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

15 Article V – Comptroller

16 **§ 16.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “AUDIT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11 OF THIS
18 ARTICLE.

19 (B) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY BIENNIAL AUDIT REQUIRED IN § 11 OF THIS
20 ARTICLE, WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER ANY WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGE
21 INCREASE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE CITY AUDITOR SHALL
22 CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT’S WATER SERVICES.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE AUDIT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:**

3 **(I) INFORMATION ON WATER USAGE;**

4 **(II) INFORMATION ON WATER LEAKAGE AND BROKEN PIPES;**
5 **AND**

6 **(III) JUSTIFICATION FOR THE SERVICE CHARGE INCREASE.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2025.