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House Bill 1168

(Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's
County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Service Charges MC/PG 112–25

This bill authorizes the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to create customer classes within any meter size for the minimum or ready to serve charge. The bill also authorizes a minimum or ready to serve charge to include an infrastructure investment component. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect WSSC operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: WSSC is among the largest water and wastewater utilities in the country, providing water and sewer services to 1.9 million residents in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties. It has more than 475,000 customer accounts, serves an area of nearly 1,000 square miles, and has a network of 5,900 miles of drinking water pipeline and over 5,600 miles of sewer main lines.

The service rate for water consists of a minimum or a ready to serve charge and a charge for water used. The minimum or ready to serve charge must be based on the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property. The charge for water used must be

based on the amount of water passing the meter during the period between the last two readings.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Public Service Commission; Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; Prince George's County; Department of Legislative Services

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