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## **WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION**

Bill: **HB 276 – Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Maryland-National Capital Park Police and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police Force PG/MC 105-20**

Sponsor: Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Committee: House Ways & Means

Date: January 23, 2020

Position: **Support**

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The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) **supports** HB 276 – *Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Maryland-National Capital Park Police and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police Force PG/MC 105-20*.

HB 276 extends a deduction on the Maryland Income Tax to members of the M-NCPPC police force and WSSC police force who reside in a political subdivision where the crime rate exceeds the State’s crime rate, provided the subdivision is in the Maryland-Washington Regional District for M-NCPPC police or the Washington Suburban Sanitary District for WSSC Water police. Presently, the Commission employs 22 full-time police officers, 20 of which reside in Montgomery County or Prince George’s County.

Current law allows an earned income deduction of \$5,000 to law enforcement officers who reside in the political subdivision where the law officer is employed, if the crime rate exceeds the State’s crime rate.

WSSC requests your support to extends a deduction on the Maryland Income Tax to members of the WSSC police force who reside in a political subdivision where the crime rate exceeds the State’s crime rate, as this proposed legislation falls in-line with two of the Commission’s strategic priorities: Inspiring Employee Engagement, and Protecting Our People, Infrastructure, Systems and Resources.

WSSC requests a **FAVORABLE** report for HB 276.

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