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HB 400

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SPONSOR: Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

ASSIGNED TO: Finance

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POSITION: Support

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Hiring and Promotion Preferences – Veterans and Their Spouses PG/MC 106-22

House Bill 400 repeals language in current law that creates a hiring preference at Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) for a veteran of the United States armed forces who was a bona fide resident of the State when the veteran entered the United States armed forces. The bill substitutes language that authorizes WSSC to grant a preference in hiring and promotion to: (1) an eligible veteran; (2) the spouse of an eligible veteran who has a service-connected disability; or (3) the surviving spouse of a deceased eligible veteran. The term "eligible veteran" is defined to mean a veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the United States who has received an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory completion of military service, including: (1) the National Guard; (2) the military reserves; (3) the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service; and (4) the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The bill is identical to § 3-714 of the Labor and Employment Article, which applies to State agencies.

The County supports this bill and respectfully requests that the Finance Committee give the bill a favorable report.