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Requested by: The Chair on behalf of WSSC

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Commission Infractions –**
3 **Watershed Regulations**

4 **MC/PG 111–25**

5 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum preset fine that the Washington Suburban
6 Sanitary Commission may establish for violations of certain watershed regulations;
7 increasing the maximum fine that a person must pay if the District Court finds that
8 the person violated certain watershed regulations; and generally relating to fines for
9 violations of watershed regulations adopted by the Washington Suburban Sanitary
10 Commission.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Public Utilities
13 Section 29–102(a) and (e)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Public Utilities**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 29–102.

2 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person who
3 violates a watershed regulation adopted under § 17–403 of this article has committed a
4 Commission infraction.

5 (2) A Commission infraction does not include a violation of a watershed
6 regulation declared by law to be a criminal offense.

7 (3) The Commission may:

8 (i) establish a schedule of preset fines for each conviction of a
9 Commission infraction under this section;

10 (ii) impose a preset fine not to exceed [~~\$150~~] **\$500** for each
11 conviction of a Commission infraction under this section; and

12 (iii) impose a preset fine not to exceed [~~\$300~~] **\$750** for a repeat
13 offense.

14 (4) The recipient of a citation for a Commission infraction shall pay the fine
15 to the Commission within 20 calendar days after the receipt of the citation.

16 (e) A person found by the District Court to have committed a Commission
17 infraction shall pay a fine not to exceed:

18 (1) [~~\$150~~] **\$500** for a first offense; or

19 (2) [~~\$300~~] **\$750** for a repeat offense.

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