MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SESSION 2025

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As of February 3, 2025
(*Note: Bills and Position Statements are hyperlinked*)

WSSC Water Sponsored Legislation

Bill #	Title/Description	Position	Status/Notes
MC/PG 101–25	**Montgomery County Planning Board and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Open Meetings – Live Streaming Requirement (Palakovich Carr)** Current law requires that WSSC Water and the Montgomery County Planning Board live steam video or audio of its open meetings. This bill, as amended, would not make the live streaming requirement applicable to educational field tours and project site visits.	**SUPPORT** (10/20/24)	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Committees: MCHD Metro Washington (1/20/2025) – Voted to Support MCHD (1/24/25) – Voted to Support PGCHD Bi-County (1/30/2025) –Voted to Support PGCHD (1/31/25) – Voted to Support Positions: MCCEX – Oppose
MC/PG 102-25	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Design and Construction – Alternative Project Delivery and Solicitation Methods** Amend PUA §20-104(e) to allow WSSC Water to enter into "alternative project delivery/solicitation methods" such as Construction Manager at Risk	**SUPPORT** (10/20/24)	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Committees: PGCHD Bi-County

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	(CMAR) and Progressive design/build (PDB). These alternative methods allow for the contractor to be involved in the beginning of the planning and design phases through the construction phase, which helps minimize the risk of change orders and increased costs.		(1/23/2025) –Voted to Support PGCHD (1/24/25) – Voted to Support MCHD Metro Washington (1/27/25) – Voted to Support MCHD (1/31/25) – Voted to Support Positions: MCCEX– No Position
MC/PG 105–25	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Membership, Transparency, Billing, and Planning (WSSC Transparency and Reform Act of 2025) (Korman, Wilkins, Barnes)** Requiring one of the commissioners from Montgomery County on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to be the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection or the Director's designee; requiring the Commission to develop certain long–range planning scenarios on a periodic basis; requiring the Commission to include certain information related to the Commission on the Commission's searchable website; prohibiting the Commission from limiting how frequently certain customers may receive a certain billing adjustment; altering the authorized billing frequency for certain charges; requiring the Commission to appoint a representative to a certain coordinating committee; requiring the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in the Department of	**HOLD**	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Positions: MCCEX – Holding Committees: Metro Washington – Work Session (1/13/2025)

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	Legislative Services to conduct a certain review of the efficiency and sustainability of the Commission's operations; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.		
MC/PG 107-25	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – System Development Charge – Exemptions (Moon)** For the purpose of requiring, rather than authorizing, the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council to grant exemptions from the system development charge imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for certain properties and projects located in Montgomery County; altering the method by which the county councils establish eligibility for the exemptions; prohibiting the county councils from requiring that an applicant for an exemption for a property located in Montgomery County own the property for which the exemption is sought; requiring Montgomery County to approve applications for the exemptions on a first–come, first–served basis until a certain maximum annual limit is reached; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and exemptions from the system development charge.	**HOLD**	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Committees: MCHD Economic Development (1/30/2025) – Voted to Support MCHD (1/31/25) – Voted to Support Positions: MCCEX– Support with Amendments

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MC/PG 112-25	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Service Charges** The objective of MC/PG 112-25, as amended, is to authorize the Commission to establish customer classes for service rates or charges based on meter size. The authority to establish classes based on meter size would allow the Commission to provide residential customers with large meters more equitable fees.	**SUPPORT** (1/15/25)	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Committees: PGCHD Bi-County (1/30/2025) –Voted to Support PGCHD (1/31/25) – Special Ordered back to Bi-County Positions: MCCEX – SUPPORT
MC/PG 115-25	**Prince George's County – Utility Services – Master Meters (Holmes)** To exempt, in Prince George's County, a duplex constructed, converted, or intended to be constructed or converted to a condominium or cooperative ownership, from provisions prohibiting the use of a master meter for water and sewer service in a residential multiple occupancy building; and generally relating to restrictions on the use of master meters for utility services in Prince George's County.	**HOLD**	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Committees: PGCHD Bi-County (1/30/2025) –Special Ordered Positions: None

WSSC Water-Related Legislation

Bill #	Title (Sponsor)/Description	Position	Status/Notes
SB 654	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Raw Water Pipeline Project – Audit** Requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to retain and consult with an independent third–party	**HOLD**	

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	auditor to conduct an audit of a certain raw water pipeline project; requiring the auditor to consult with the Office of Legislative Audits in conducting the audit; and generally relating to audits of Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission projects.		
MC/PG 104-25	**Montgomery County and Prince George's County – Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Transfer of Property** *Require a Certificate or Proof of Payment of Outstanding WSSC Water Bills to Execute the Transfer of Commercial Property.* The Maryland Real Property Article requires a series of documents that must be presented to prove debts are settled before the transfer of property. WSSC Water bills are not a requirement. The objective of this proposal is to require a certificate or proof of payment that the final WSSC Water bill has been settled before the transfer of commercial property can be executed.	**SUPPORT** (10/20/24)	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Positions: MCCEX– No Position **WITHDRAWN**
MC/PG 109-25	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Work Zone Speed Control Systems (Ernest Dyson's Law)** On Sunday, September 8, 2024, WSSC Water tragically lost Ernest Joseph Dyson, Crew Supervisor at the Lyttonsville Depot, while in the line of duty. Mr. Dyson was unfortunately fatally struck by a driver. To honor Mr. Dyson and help prevent the possibility of similar circumstances in the future,	**SUPPORT** (10/20/24)	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Positions: MCCEX– Holding **WITHDRAWN**

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	WSSC Water proposes establishing authority to equip WSSC Water employees with portable and vehicle-bound speed monitoring devices and signs while performing in work zones to enhance worker safety.		
MC/PG 110–25	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Commissioner Salaries – Increase** Increase Commissioner salaries to an amount comparable to the salaries of other board members and commissions in Maryland. Maryland has a constitutional restriction on a new salary increase applying to individuals who are currently in office. This restriction would apply to this bill and only Commissioners appointed after the effective date of the bill would be eligible for a salary increase.	**SUPPORT** (10/20/24)	Hearings: PGCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Positions: MCCEX – SUPPORT **WITHDRAWN**
MC/PG 111-25	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Commission Infractions – Watershed Regulations** Under PUA §29-102, the Commission may impose a fine not to exceed $150 for each conviction of a watershed infraction, and a fine of $300 for a repeat offense. The current fine is lower than other agencies that impose similar fines such as Baltimore County, Maryland Park & Planning, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, which all have fines set at $500. The objective of this proposal is to increase the infraction fine to $500, and $750 for repeat offenses.	**SUPPORT** (10/20/24)	Hearings: PGHD Public Bill Hearing (12/10/2024) MCHD Public Bill Hearing (12/9/2024) Positions: MCCEX– SUPPORT **WITHDRAWN**

Positions

MCCC = Montgomery County Council: MCCEX = Montgomery County Executive; MCHD = Montgomery County House Delegation; MCSD =Montgomery County Senate Delegation; PGCC = Prince George's County Council PGCEX = Prince George's County Executive; PGHD = Prince George's House Delegation; PGSD = Prince George's Senate Delegation

Key Dates

- February 3, 2025 – Senate Bill Introduction Date
- February 5, 2025 – Governor delivers State of the State Address (noon)
- February 7, 2025 – House Bill Introduction Date
- March 13, 2025 – WSSC Water's Legislative Luncheon
- March 17, 2025 – Crossover
- April 7, 2025 – Sine Die

Websites

- Maryland General Assembly
- Session Calendar
- Track Legislation
- Montgomery County Delegation
- Prince George's County Delegation
- Maryland Association of Counties
- Maryland Municipal League