

HOUSE BILL 642

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2013
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Sewage Leaks – Posting**
3 **Requirements**

4 **MC/PG 114–13**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to post
6 warning signs at each public access point to a waterway that is contaminated by
7 a sewage leak under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to adopt
8 regulations to implement this Act; defining a certain term; and generally
9 relating to posting requirements about sewage leaks of the Washington
10 Suburban Sanitary Commission.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Public Utilities

13 Section 24–202 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 2. Sewer Cleaning
14 and Sewage Leaks”

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Public Utilities**

20 Subtitle 2. Sewer Cleaning AND **SEWAGE LEAKS.**

21 **24–202.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PUBLIC ACCESS POINT” INCLUDES A PARKING**
23 **LOT, PLAYGROUND, PICNIC AREA, BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP, OR PARK.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL POST WARNING SIGNS AT EACH PUBLIC**
2 **ACCESS POINT TO A WATERWAY THAT BECOMES CONTAMINATED BY A LEAK IN A**
3 **SANITARY SEWER LINE, PIPE, OR FIXTURE THAT IS CONNECTED TO THE**
4 **SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE COMMISSION.**

5 **(C) A WARNING SIGN POSTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:**

6 **(1) THE SOURCE AND DATE OF DISCOVERY OF THE LEAK; AND**

7 **(2) THE CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING A TELEPHONE**
8 **NUMBER, OF THE COMMISSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO USE**
9 **FOR OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

10 **(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT**
11 **THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS CONCERNING:**

12 **(1) THE MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM THE SOURCE OF A LEAK**
13 **WITHIN WHICH WARNING SIGNS MUST BE POSTED; AND**

14 **(2) THE FORM AND CONTENT OF THE WARNING SIGNS.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2013.