

# HOUSE BILL 973

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 **PG/MC 102–14**

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

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Public Utilities  
14 Section 29–102(a) and (e)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 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 29–102.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

6 (3) The Commission may:

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

9 (ii) impose a preset fine not to exceed ~~[\$50] \$250~~ \$150 for each  
10 conviction of a Commission infraction under this section; and

11 (iii) impose a preset fine not to exceed ~~[\$100] \$500~~ \$300 for a  
12 repeat offense.

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

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

17 (1) ~~[\$50] \$250~~ \$150 for a first offense; or

18 (2) ~~[\$100] \$500~~ \$300 for a repeat offense.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2014.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.