

HOUSE BILL 665

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By: **Delegate Conway**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Department of Public Works – Frozen–Pipe Prevention Rebate**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Baltimore City Department of Public Works to
5 establish a rebate program to assist customers with charges for increased water
6 usage due to certain activities undertaken to prevent pipes from freezing on certain
7 days; requiring, if the Department establishes a certain rebate program, that
8 participation be at the option of the customer and rebates be provided on a per diem
9 basis; and generally relating to frozen–pipe prevention in Baltimore City.

10 BY adding to

11 The Charter of Baltimore City

12 Article II – General Powers

13 Section (70)

14 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

18 Article II – General Powers

19 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to
20 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of

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 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in
2 particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such
3 other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said
4 Constitution and Public General Laws:

5 **(70)**

6 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY ESTABLISH A REBATE**
7 **PROGRAM TO ASSIST CUSTOMERS WITH CHARGES FOR INCREASED WATER USAGE**
8 **DUE TO RUNNING A TRICKLE OF WATER THROUGH FAUCETS TO PREVENT PIPES**
9 **FROM FREEZING ON DESIGNATED CODE BLUE DAYS.**

10 **(B) IF THE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHES A REBATE PROGRAM UNDER**
11 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION:**

12 **(1) PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AT THE OPTION OF**
13 **THE CUSTOMER; AND**

14 **(2) A REBATE SHALL BE PROVIDED ON A PER DIEM BASIS.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.