

HOUSE BILL 1328

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By: **Delegate Hornberger**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Counties and Municipalities – Water Transfer Fee – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to impose a
4 fee on a person who holds a certain permit and transfers surface water or
5 groundwater outside a watershed located wholly or partially within the county or
6 municipality; and generally relating to the authority of local governments to impose
7 a fee on persons who transfer water.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Local Government

10 Section 16–117

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Local Government**

16 **16–117.**

17 **(A) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY IMPOSE A**
18 **FEE ON A PERSON WHO:**

19 **(1) HOLDS A PERMIT UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE**
20 **ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE; AND**

21 **(2) TRANSFERS SURFACE WATER OR GROUNDWATER OUTSIDE A**
22 **WATERSHED LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY WITHIN THE COUNTY OR**
23 **MUNICIPALITY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY**
2 **PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR:**

3 **(1) THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

4 **(2) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FEE**
5 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2022.