

HOUSE BILL 406

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CF SB 392

By: **Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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Read second time: March 22, 2011

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund – ~~Repeal~~**
3 **Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law relating to the Washington
5 County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund; requiring the County
6 Commissioners of Washington County to ensure service of the debt for the
7 ~~Washington County pretreatment facility~~ Conococheague Industrial
8 Pretreatment Facility from the Washington County general fund and revenues
9 generated by the pretreatment facility; prohibiting the County Commissioners
10 from using the costs of debt service for the ~~Washington County pretreatment~~
11 ~~facility~~ Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility as a factor in the
12 establishment or adjustment of water and sewer rates in the County; and
13 generally relating to the Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction
14 Fund and the debt service for the ~~Washington County pretreatment facility~~
15 Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility.

16 BY repealing

17 The Public Local Laws of Washington County

18 Section 6–505

19 Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

20 (2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

21 BY adding to

22 The Public Local Laws of Washington County

23 Section 6–505

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 Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
 2 (2007 Edition and October 2010 Supplement, as amended)

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

5 **Article 22 – Washington County**

6 **[6–505.**

7 (a) There is a Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund.

8 (b) The Fund is a continuous, nonlapsing fund.

9 (c) (1) The County Commissioners shall annually appropriate \$500,000 to
 10 the Fund.

11 (2) The appropriation shall be in addition to funds appropriated for
 12 any subsidy for Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities.

13 (3) The appropriation may not be construed to replace or reduce any
 14 existing subsidy for Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities.

15 (4) The amount of any reduction in any existing subsidy for
 16 Washington County water, sewer, and pretreatment facilities that reduces the existing
 17 subsidy below the subsidy for Fiscal Year 2000 shall be appropriated to the Fund.

18 (d) All profits of the Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility shall be
 19 deposited in the Fund.]

20 **6–505.**

21 **(A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ENSURE SERVICE OF THE**
 22 **DEBT FOR THE ~~WASHINGTON COUNTY PRETREATMENT FACILITY~~**
 23 **CONOCOCHIEAGUE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT FACILITY FROM THE GENERAL**
 24 **FUND OF THE COUNTY AND FROM THE REVENUES GENERATED BY THE**
 25 **PRETREATMENT FACILITY.**

26 **(B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT USE THE COSTS OF DEBT**
 27 **SERVICE FOR THE ~~WASHINGTON COUNTY PRETREATMENT FACILITY~~**
 28 **CONOCOCHIEAGUE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT FACILITY AS A FACTOR IN THE**
 29 **ESTABLISHMENT OR ADJUSTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RATES IN THE**
 30 **COUNTY.**

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 32 October 1, 2011.