

# HOUSE BILL 973

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

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3           (3) The Commission may:

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

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

8                   (iii) impose a preset fine not to exceed [~~\$100~~] **\$500** for a repeat  
9 offense.

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

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

14                   (1) [~~\$50~~] **\$250** for a first offense; or

15                   (2) [~~\$100~~] **\$500** for a repeat offense.

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