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POSITION STATEMENT

MC/PG 112-25/HB1168

MC/PG 112-25/HB1168- Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission- Service Charges (By Request – Montgomery County and Prince George’s County Delegation)

POSITION:

SUPPORT

The legislation authorizes the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to establish certain customer classes for certain service rates or charges based on meter size. The original proposed bill aimed to authorize customer classes broadly. The amended bill allows WSSC to distinguish between residential customers and commercial customers based on meter size and authorizes the minimum or ready to serve charge to include a certain component; and alters the methods by which the minimum or ready to serve charge may be based.

The bill’s “customer classes” is based on meter size by allowing WSSC to adapt equitable rates for residential customers with large meters. The legislation allows for WSSC to bill residential customers with the larger 1.5 inch water meters the same Infrastructure Investment Fee as residential customers with 1 inch meters, leading to significant savings for homeowners with 1.5 inch meters.

The Council has expressed some concern on how WSSC will address potential loss of revenue given savings to customers. WSSC indicated that it has financial credits available to offset any diminished revenue from this program.

For these reasons, the Prince George’s County Council SUPPORTS MC/PG 112-25/HB1168 and urges a Favorable Report from the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

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