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What to Expect

This publication is designed to keep you informed about legislation impacting WSSC during the 2009 Maryland General Assembly Session. Previous issues of the *Observer* are available on the Intergovernmental Relations Office (IRO) webpage www.wsscwater.com/iro/website.

The Intergovernmental Relations Office is your eyes and ears in Annapolis. The *Observer* provides brief updates on major initiatives that could impact the Agency. If you have any questions or would like another bill included in this publication, please contact the WSSC IRO at 301-206-8228.

Legislative Lingo

Consideration of Bills Originating in Once Chamber and Amended in the Second Chamber

Concurrence / Non-Concurrence

If a bill is amended in the second chamber, the bill is returned to the chamber of origin where a vote must be taken on whether the chamber of origin should concur in or reject the amendment(s) attached to the bill by the second chamber. If concurrence is voted, a final vote is then taken on the bill as amended by the second chamber, and action on the bill by the legislature is complete. The bill is reprinted or "enrolled" to include the opposite chamber amendment(s) and then presented to the Governor for his consideration.

If the original chamber rejects the amendment(s) or refuses to "concur" in the opposite chamber's amendments, at least three courses of action are possible: 1) the second chamber may be asked to withdraw its amendment(s); 2) if the second chamber refuses to withdraw its amendment(s), either chamber may request a conference committee to resolve the differences between the two versions of the bill; or 3) the second chamber may "recede" or agree to withdraw its amendments.

Bills of Interest to WSSC

Keep in mind dates shown are a mix of calendar days and legislative days. Dates provided reflect those posted on the General Assembly website.

Bi-County Bills

HB 1136 (MC/PG 101-09) Montgomery County – Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Financial Oversight Act - This bill amends the Sanitary District Laws to require the WSSC to file a certified copy of its annual audit and current financial statements each year with the Montgomery County Council AND it authorizes the County Council of Montgomery County to audit and examine the books and records of the Commission under certain circumstances as long as such an audit or examination is without cost to the WSSC. Current law contains these requirements for the Montgomery County Executive, Prince George’s County Executive and the Prince George’s County Council.

HB 1136 (MC/PG 101-09) Positions	
WSSC	No Position at this time
Montgomery County Council	Support
Montgomery County Executive	Support
Prince George’s County Council	
Prince George’s County Executive	

HB 1136 (MC/PG 101-09) Bill Status	
Montgomery County House Delegation	Referred to Bi County Subcommittee. Special ordered on 2/2/09. Subcommittee voted to report Favorable 2/23/09. Delegation voted to report Favorable 2/27/09.
Prince George’s County House Delegation	Subcommittee voted to report Favorable 3/4/09. Delegation voted to report Favorable 3/6/09.
Montgomery County Senate Delegation	
Prince George’s County Senate Delegation	
House	Environmental Matters 2/13 First Reading
Senate	

HB 1139 (MC/PG 104-09) Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – System Development Surcharge - Exemptions – This bill expands current law regarding the WSSC’s SDC exemptions from those community based organizations whose “exclusive” use of the property is to provide programs and services to youth to those community based organizations whose “primary” use of the property is to provide programs and services to youth. Additionally, this bill changes the current law’s sunset from 2009 to 2012.

[Bill amended 2/18/09 to strike all changes and extend the sunset to 2010. Amendments result in straight sunset extension.]

[Original bill as introduced re-amended by the Bi-County Subcommittee on 2/25/09 changing “primarily” to “substantially” and adding “recreational and educational” to the description of programs eligible for this exemption.”]

HB 1139 (MC/PG 104-09) Positions

WSSC	Support
Montgomery County Council	No Position
Montgomery County Executive	No Position
Prince George's County Council	Support
Prince George's County Executive	

HB 1139 (MC/PG 104-09) Bill Status

Prince George's County House Delegation	Referred to the WSSC Subcommittee. Bill put on Hold 2/11/09 by Chair. Subcommittee amended 2/18/09 and reported out Favorable. Delegation Chair put on Hold 2/20/09. Subcommittee re-amended the bill with new amendments 2/25/09 and reported out Favorable. Delegation voted Favorable as amended 2/27/09.
Montgomery County House Delegation	Subcommittee heard bill 3/2/09.
Prince George's County Senate Delegation	
Montgomery County Senate Delegation	
House	Environmental Matters 2/13 First Reading
Senate	

HB 1137 (MC/PG 105-09) Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Budget Approval - This bill provides that if the county councils of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties fail to concur on the WSSC capital budget or any provision within the capital budget by a certain time, the funding levels may not exceed the previous year's funding levels. The bill includes language that allows a single line item to be rejected for any single capital budget project, similar to a line item veto. The WSSC believes this bill would have a negative impact on the Agency should it become law for several reasons. First, the construction industry may find it problematic to bid under such uncertainty. If projects were cancelled, vetoed, or financially constrained after awarded, it would be costly to the WSSC and the ratepayers. Additionally, projects including MBE and SLBE subcontractors could potentially be delayed, creating a detrimental impact on these businesses. Second, there could be a negative impact on facilities included in the 30 Year Infrastructure Plan to recapitalize the WSSC's aging infrastructure. Third, the WSSC AAA Bond Rating would be in jeopardy given the importance rating agencies place on governance of public entities in their rating criteria. Finally, the WSSC could face IRS penalties if the Agency's ability to spend bond money in a timely manner was hampered and arbitrage rules broken.

[Bill amended 2/25/09 altering the line item veto language but still allowing project funding to be capped.]

HB 1137 (MC/PG 105-09) Positions

WSSC	Oppose
Montgomery County Council	Oppose
Montgomery County Executive	Oppose
Prince George's County Council	Support
Prince George's County Executive	

HB 1137 (MC/PG 105-09) Bill Status

<i>Prince George's County House Delegation</i>	Referred to the WSSC Subcommittee. Bill put on Hold 2/11/09 by Chair. Held by Chair 2/18/09. Subcommittee amended 2/18/09 and reported out Favorable. Delegation voted Favorable as amended 2/27/09.
<i>Montgomery County House Delegation</i>	Subcommittee heard bill 3/2/09.
<i>Prince George's County Senate Delegation</i>	
<i>Montgomery County Senate Delegation</i>	
<i>House</i>	Environmental Matters 2/13 First Reading
<i>Senate</i>	

HB 1145 (MC/PG 118-09) Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Membership – (late filed bill)

This bill alters the current WSSC Commission board by adding a 7th Commissioner whose appointment shall alternate between the governing bodies of the municipal corporations that contain the largest number of housing units served by the WSSC in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Each municipal appointment shall be a registered voter. These new appointments do not require confirmation by the County Councils, as County Executive appointments do. The municipal appointment term will also be for 4 years beginning on June 1, 2009.

MC/PG 118-09 Positions

<i>WSSC</i>	No position
<i>Montgomery County Council</i>	Oppose
<i>Montgomery County Executive</i>	Oppose
<i>Prince George's County Council</i>	
<i>Prince George's County Executive</i>	

MC/PG 118-09 Bill Status

<i>Prince George's County House Delegation</i>	
<i>Montgomery County House Delegation</i>	2/6/09 Delegation accepted as late file. Hearing held 2/13/09. Withdrawn by sponsor 2/23/09.
<i>Prince George's County Senate Delegation</i>	
<i>Montgomery County Senate Delegation</i>	
<i>House</i>	2/13/09 First Reading Environmental Matters
<i>Senate</i>	

HB 1133 (MC/PG 120-09) Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Comprehensive Whistleblower Protections – (late filed bill) This bill extends state employee whistleblower protections to WSSC employees. Requires the Commission adopt regulations similar to those found in the State Personnel and Pensions Article. Include prohibiting a manager or supervisor from taking or refusing to take a personnel action as a reprisal against an employee who discloses instances of abuse of authority, gross mismanagement, gross waste of money, substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or any violation of the law. Requires the Commission to provide employees with written notice of protections and remedies provided by regulations. Enactment date October 1, 2009. The regulations would have to be adopted on or before October 1, 2010.

HB 1133 (MC/PG 120-09) Positions

WSSC	No position at this time
Montgomery County Council	Support
Montgomery County Executive	Support
Prince George’s County Council	Support
Prince George’s County Executive	

HB 1133 (MC/PG 120-09) Bill Status

Prince George’s County House Delegation	Delegation held public hearing and accepted as late filed.
Montgomery County House Delegation	2/13/09 Delegation accepted as late file. Hearing held 2/20/09. Referred to Subcommittee. Bill held by Chair 2/27/09. Bill held by Chair 3/2/09.
Prince George’s County Senate Delegation	
Montgomery County Senate Delegation	
House	Appropriations 2/13 First Reading
Senate	

HB 1142 (MC/PG 121-09) Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Motions – (late filed bill) The bill prohibits any motions before the Commission from being adopted without receiving a majority vote of the commissioners that includes at least one commissioner appointed from Montgomery County and one commissioner appointed from Prince George’s County. It would take effect on October 1, 2009.

HB 1142 (MC/PG 121-09) Positions

WSSC	No position at this time
Montgomery County Council	Support
Montgomery County Executive	Support
Prince George’s County Council	
Prince George’s County Executive	

HB 1142 (MC/PG 121-09) Bill Status

<i>Prince George's County House Delegation</i>	Delegation held public hearing, accepted as late filed and referred to Subcommittee 2/28/09.
<i>Montgomery County House Delegation</i>	2/13/09 Delegation accepted as late file. Hearing held 2/20/09. Referred to Subcommittee. Subcommittee voted to report Favorable 2/23/09. Delegation voted to report Favorable 2/27/09.
<i>Prince George's County Senate Delegation</i>	
<i>Montgomery County Senate Delegation</i>	
<i>House</i>	Environmental Matters 2/13 First Reading
<i>Senate</i>	

HB 1134 (MC/PG 122-09) Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Audit and Financial Statements – (late filed bill) This bill requires the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to file a certified copy of its annual audit and current financial statements with the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Senate and House delegations to the Maryland General Assembly each year. It would take effect October 1, 2009.

HB 1134 (MC/PG 122-09) Positions

<i>WSSC</i>	No position
<i>Montgomery County Council</i>	Support
<i>Montgomery County Executive</i>	Support
<i>Prince George's County Council</i>	Support
<i>Prince George's County Executive</i>	

HB 1134 (MC/PG 122-09) Bill Status

<i>Prince George's County House Delegation</i>	Delegation held public hearing, accepted as late filed and referred to Subcommittee 2/28/09.
<i>Montgomery County House Delegation</i>	2/13/09 Delegation accepted as late file. Hearing held 2/20/09. Referred to Subcommittee. Subcommittee voted to report Favorable 2/23/09. Delegation voted to report Favorable 2/27/09.
<i>Prince George's County Senate Delegation</i>	
<i>Montgomery County Senate Delegation</i>	
<i>House</i>	Environmental Matters 2/13 First Reading
<i>Senate</i>	



Maryland Bills To Watch

The following statewide bills are of interest to the WSSC. Bills withdrawn are still listed but shown in gray.

For a complete listing of all bills introduced before the Maryland General Assembly, visit their website mlis.state.md.us.

HB 34 Environment - Impervious Surface - Statewide Database

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Department of Planning, to develop and maintain a database of impervious surface in the State; requiring a county to report the amount of impervious surface in the county to the Department of the Environment in a specified manner; and authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations.

HB 34 Bill Status

House 10/20/09 Pre-filed
 1/14/09 First Reading Environmental Matters
 1/23/09 Hearing 2/4 at 1:00 p.m.
 2/16/09 Unfavorable Report by Environmental Matters

Senate

HB 90 Department of the Environment - Bay Restoration Fund and Bay Restoration Fee

Curing a possible title defect in Chapter 666 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008, by reenacting, without amendments, provisions of law to provide that the Bay Restoration Fee may not be reduced as long as bonds are outstanding, money in the Bay Restoration Fund may not revert or be transferred to a special fund, a committee is required to make a recommendation about the Fee, and the Fund may be used for projects related to the removal of nitrogen from onsite sewage disposal systems and cover crop activities; etc.

HB 90 Bill Status

House 1/20/09 First Reading Environmental Matters
 1/23/09 Hearing 2/4 at 1:00 p.m.
 2/23/09 Favorable Report by Environmental Matters
 2/24/09 Favorable Report Adopted
 Second Reading Passed
 2/26/09 Third Reading Passed (135-0)

Senate 2/27/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 3/4/09 Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m.

HB 135 Environment - Sewage Sludge Utilization - Zoning and Land Use Requirements (SB 432)

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a sewage sludge utilization permit for a site unless the site meets all county zoning and land use requirements or ordinances; and prohibiting the Department from issuing a sewage sludge utilization permit for a site that will be on land adjacent to a municipality.

HB 326 Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Retention of Certification and Status and Participation in the Minority Business Enterprise Program

Authorizing the certification agency for the minority business enterprise (MBE) program to allow, for a specified period of time, a minority business enterprise that graduates from the MBE program to retain its certification number and participate in the MBE program as if it were a certified minority business enterprise.

HB 326 Bill Status

House 1/30/09 First Reading Health and Government Operations
 2/4/09 Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 389 Minority Business Enterprise Program - Prohibitions and Penalties for Contractors (SB 611)

Prohibiting contractors who are required to use a certified minority business enterprise from engaging in specified acts when submitting a bid or proposal or performing a contract under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to impose penalties against contractors who engage in the prohibited acts; requiring the Board to consider specified factors when determining the penalty; etc.

HB 389 Bill Status

House 2/2/09 First Reading Health and Government Operations
 2/4/09 Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 410 Minority Business Enterprise Program - Eligibility

Altering the amount of the cap on the personal net worth requirement for certification as a minority business enterprise.

HB 410 Bill Status

House 2/2/09 First Reading Health and Government Operations
 2/4/09 Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 533 Cooperative Purchasing Agreements - Requirements and Expansion of Use

Requiring that specified procurement contracts entered into by State and local entities include specified provisions that facilitate other entities to join the contracts; authorizing State and local entities to enter into specified agreements for the cooperative or joint administration of programs with other State or local entities; requiring that State and local entities make specified efforts to determine if another State or local entity is participating in a specified contract before initiating a procurement; etc.

HB 533 Bill Status

House 2/5/09 First Reading Health and Government Operations
 2/11/09 Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 594 Minority Business Enterprise Certification - Personal Net Worth Requirement – Repeal (SB 355)
Repealing the requirement regarding personal net worth for certification as a minority business enterprise.

HB 594 Bill Status

House 2/6/09 First Reading Health and Government Operations
 2/11/09 Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 641 Minority Business Enterprise Program - Participation by Race or Gender (SB 211)

Authorizing a woman-owned business to participate in individual procurement contracts as either a woman-owned business or a business owned by a member of an ethnic or racial minority group for specified purposes within the Minority Business Enterprise Program; altering a provision relating to the Department of Transportation and the application of requirements for its procurement contracts; altering a definition under the Minority Business Enterprise Program; etc.

HB 641 Bill Status

House 2/9/09 First Reading Health and Government Operations
 2/11/09 Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 1009 State Government - State Walking Stick of Statesmen and Gentlemen - The Shillelagh

Designating the shillelagh as the State walking stick of statesmen and gentlemen.

HB 1009 Bill Status

House 2/13/09 First Reading Health and Government Operations
 2/18/09 Hearing 3/4 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 1053 Community Environmental Protection Act of 2009 (SB 824)

Providing specified persons and associations standing in specified claims under specified circumstances; providing judicial review of specified final administrative decisions under specified circumstances; providing specified persons standing to participate in specified administrative appeal proceedings under specified circumstances; etc.

HB 1053 Bill Status

House 2/13/09 First Reading Environmental Matters
 Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 1054 Environment - Permitting Process - Environmental Justice Review (SB 4)

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities and the Department of Planning, to develop criteria and maps that identify environmentally stressed communities in the State; requiring an Environmental Justice Review as a condition of issuing or renewing specified permits; etc.

HB 1105 Bill Status

House 2/13/09 First Reading Environmental Matters
 Hearing 3/6 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 1106 Bay Restoration Fund - Septic Systems - Nitrogen Removal Projects

Prohibiting a local government from prohibiting homeowners that receive specified grant funding for projects related to the removal of nitrogen from onsite sewage disposal systems from placing an addition or accessory structure on the homeowner's dwelling unit.

HB 1106 Bill Status

House 2/13/09 First Reading Environmental Matters
 Hearing 3/6 at 1:00 p.m.
 2/27/09 Hearing cancelled
 3/2/09 Unfavorable Report by Environmental Matters Withdrawn

Senate

HB 1203 Procurement - Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreements - Contracts

Requiring the Department of General Services, before it enters into a specified intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement, to advertise a specified solicitation for a specified period on a specified web site and, if it enters into a specified purchasing agreement, to procure the same products or services for use by a political subdivision of the State.

HB 1203 Bill Status

House 2/13/09 First Reading Health and Government Operations
 2/25/09 Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 1362 Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses (SB 967)

Authorizing that specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund may be used, under specified circumstances, to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to existing municipal wastewater facilities that achieve enhanced nutrient removal.

HB 1362 Bill Status

House 2/19/09 First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations
 3/2/09 Re-referred Environmental Matters
 3/4/09 Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

HB 1417 Water Quality and Drinking Water Quality Revolving Loan Funds - Use of Funds

Authorizing the use of the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund and the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund to provide assistance in the form of grants, negative interest loans, forgiveness of principal, subsidized interest rates, and any other form of financial assistance as authorized or required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and making the Act an emergency measure.

HB 1417 Bill Status

House 2/25/09 First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations
 3/2/09 Re-referred Environmental Matters
 3/4/09 Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate

SB 4 Environment - Permitting Process - Environmental Justice Review (HB 1054)

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities and the Department of Planning, to develop maps that identify environmentally stressed communities in the State; requiring an Environmental Justice Review as a condition of issuing or renewing specified permits; requiring the owner of a liquefied natural gas facility to conduct a Review and submit information to the Department of the Environment under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 4 Bill Status

House

Senate 7/1/08 Pre-filed
 1/14/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 Hearing 2/3 at 1:45 p.m.

SB 47 Environment - Permit Applications - Notice Requirements (HB 1078)

Requiring notification by mail to specified record residential property owners of specified permit applications under specified circumstances; requiring the notice to contain specified information; requiring permit applicants to pay the cost of the notice; and authorizing the Department of the Environment to require the permit applicant to publish and send specified notices.

SB 47 Bill Status

House

Senate 11/13/08 Pre-filed
 1/14/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 Hearing 2/3 at 1:45 p.m.

SB 120 Environment - Permit Process – Modifications (HB 641)

Requiring the Department of the Environment to provide an opportunity for a contested case hearing under specified circumstances; altering specified public hearing and notice requirements; establishing an Environmental Leadership Group; establishing the membership of the Group; requiring an applicant for a specified permit to prepare and submit an environmental impact statement to the Department; etc.

SB 120 Bill Status

House

Senate 1/16/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 1/21/09 Hearing 2/3 at 1:45 p.m.
 2/13/09 Unfavorable report by Education Health and Environmental Affairs

SB 211 Minority Business Enterprise Program - Participation by Race or Gender

Authorizing a woman-owned business to participate in individual procurement contracts as either a woman-owned business or a business owned by a member of an ethnic or racial minority group for specified purposes within the Minority Business Enterprise Program; altering a provision relating to the Department of Transportation and the application of requirements for its procurement contracts; altering a definition under the Minority Business Enterprise Program; etc.

SB 211 Bill Status

<i>House</i>	
<i>Senate</i>	1/23/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs 1/28/09 Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 355 Minority Business Enterprise Certification - Personal Net Worth Requirement – Repeal (HB 594)

Repealing the requirement regarding personal net worth for certification as a minority business enterprise.

SB 355 Bill Status

<i>House</i>	
<i>Senate</i>	1/29/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs 2/11/09 Hearing 3/5 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 408 Environment - Water Pollution Control - Incentives and Penalties

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations providing performance improvement incentives for the owner or operator of specified wastewater systems; requiring the incentives adopted by regulation to be in the form of reductions in specified penalties; increasing the penalties for violations of the water pollution control law: etc.

SB 408 Bill Status

<i>House</i>	
<i>Senate</i>	2/2/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs 2/11/09 Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 432 Environment - Sewage Sludge Utilization - Zoning and Land Use Requirements (HB 135)

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from issuing a sewage sludge utilization permit for a site unless the site meets all land use requirements or ordinances of the county where the site is located.

SB 432 Bill Status

<i>House</i>	
<i>Senate</i>	2/2/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs 2/11/09 Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 489 Minority Business Enterprise Certification - Cap on Personal Net Worth (HB 471)

Increasing the amount of the cap on the personal net worth requirement for certification as a minority business enterprise; requiring the certification agency to evaluate specified data in conjunction with the General Assembly and the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the certification agency to make a specified report; etc.

SB 489 Bill Status

House

Senate 1/29/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 2/11/09 Hearing 3/5 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 529 Environment - Environmental Justice Review - Public Service Companies

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities and the Department of Planning, to develop criteria and maps that identify environmentally stressed communities in the State on or before October 1, 2010; requiring specified public service companies to submit an Environmental Justice Review and other information under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 529 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 2/11/09 Hearing 3/3 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 554 Chesapeake Bay Nitrogen Reduction Act of 2009 (HB 176)

Prohibiting the installation of an on-site sewage disposal system unless the system utilizes nitrogen removal technology; requiring the Department of the Environment to assist homeowners in paying for specified costs; and establishing a penalty for a specified violation.

SB 554 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/5/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 2/11/09 Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 568 Minority Business Enterprise Program - Directory of Minority Business Enterprises

Requiring a specified minority business certification agency to include in its directory minority business enterprises that have become ineligible for the Minority Business Enterprise Program for specified reasons.

SB 568 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 2/11/09 Hearing 3/5 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 611 Minority Business Enterprise Program - Prohibitions and Penalties for Contractors (HB 389)

Prohibiting contractors who are required to use a certified minority business enterprise from engaging in specified acts when submitting a bid or proposal or performing a contract under specified circumstances; requiring the Board of Public Works to impose penalties against contractors who engage in the prohibited acts; requiring the Board to consider specified factors when determining the penalty; etc.

SB 611 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 2/11/09 Hearing 3/5 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 612 Procurement - Minority Business Enterprise Program - Contracting Modification

Authorizing a woman-owned business to participate in individual procurement contracts as either a woman-owned business or a business owned by a member of an ethnic or racial minority group for specified purposes within the Minority Business Enterprise Program; altering a provision relating to the Department of Transportation and the application of requirements for its procurement contracts; altering a definition under the Minority Business Enterprise Program; etc.

SB 612 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 2/11/09 Hearing 3/5 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 672 Chesapeake Environment - Stormwater Management - Stormwater User Charge

Requiring each county or municipality to establish a stormwater user charge; establishing the purpose of a stormwater user charge; requiring a county or municipality to collect a stormwater user charge and use it to fund specified stormwater management activities; requiring a county or municipality to set the amount of a residential stormwater user charge in a specified manner; requiring a county or municipality to set the amount of a commercial stormwater user charge in a specified manner; etc.

SB 672 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 2/11/09 Hearing 3/3 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 721 Private Wastewater Treatment Act of 2009

Prohibiting a person from installing a privately owned on-site wastewater treatment system under specified circumstances.

SB 721 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 2/11/09 Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 824 Community Environmental Protection Act of 2009 (HR 1053)

Providing specified persons and associations standing in specified claims under specified circumstances; providing judicial review of specified final administrative decisions under specified circumstances; providing specified persons standing to participate in specified administrative appeal proceedings under specified circumstances; etc.

SB 824 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs
 2/11/09 Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m.

SB 967 Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses (HB 1362)

Authorizing that specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund may be used, under specified circumstances, to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to existing municipal wastewater facilities that achieve enhanced nutrient removal.

SB 967 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/23/09 First Reading Senate Rules
 3/5/09 Re-referred Education Health and Environmental Affairs

SB 972 Environment - On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Requirements

Requiring persons who are engaged in the business of inspecting on-site sewage disposal systems under specified circumstances to make specified certifications to the Department of the Environment; requiring persons who are engaged in the business of inspecting on-site sewage disposal systems under specified circumstances to complete a specified registration; requiring a county, by January 1, 2011, to adopt a specified on-site sewage disposal management plan; etc.

SB 972 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/23/09 First Reading Senate Rules

SB 978 Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Goal-Setting

Requiring a unit to consider the potential pool of certified minority businesses that has the technical expertise, availability, and willingness to execute a procurement contract before the unit sets the minority business enterprise participation goal for the contract.

SB 978 Bill Status

House

Senate 2/23/09 First Reading Senate Rules
 3/5/09 Re-referred Education Health and Environmental Affairs

The Week at a Glance*

WHO	WHERE	WHEN
Montgomery County House Delegation	Room 218 Lowe HOB	Fridays at 9:00 am
Montgomery County Bi-County Committee	Room 170 Lowe HOB	Mondays at 7:00 pm
Prince George's County House Delegation	Room 150 Lowe HOB	Fridays at 9:00 am
Prince George's County WSSC Committee	Room 150 Lowe HOB	Wednesdays at 8:30 am
Montgomery County Senate Delegation	Schwienhaut Room Miller SOB	Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Prince George's County Senate Delegation	Verta T. Welcome Room Miller SOB	Thursdays at 4:00 pm

*Dates, times, location, and agenda subject to change anytime, at the discretion of the Chairs. Check delegation websites for schedules. Web addresses below.

County Information

Montgomery County Delegation

<http://www.montgomerycountydelegation.com/>

House Delegation

Delegate Brian Feldman, Chair
Delegate Susan Lee, Vice Chair
Phone: 301-858-3010

Senate Delegation

Senator Rich Madaleno, Chair
Senator Jamie Raskin, Vice Chair
Phone: 301-858-3137

Prince George's County Delegation

<http://www.princegeorgescountyhousedelegation.com>

House Delegation

Melony G. Griffith, Chair
Michael Vaughn, Vice Chair
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Phone: 301-858-3074

Senate Delegation

Senator C. Anthony Muse, Chair
Phone: 301-858-3410

Montgomery County Bi-County Agency Committee Members

Del. Kathleen Dumais, Chair	Del. Tom Hucker
Del. Luiz Simmons, Vice Chair	Del. Ben Kramer
Del. Al Carr	Del. Krill Reznik
Del. Bill Frick	Del. Herman Taylor

Prince George's County Bi-County Committee Members

Del. Aisha Braveboy, Chair	Del. Tawanna Gaines
Del. James Hubbard, Vice Chair	Del. Marvin Holmes
Del. Ben Barnes	Del. Jay Walker

Annapolis Transportation & Parking



For many visitors the easiest option is to park at the Naval Academy Stadium and take the Annapolis Transit Trolley Shuttle. There are several public garages including Whitmore, Gotts, and the Gorman Street garages. They fill up fast. There is also limited metered parking, but they ticket often. Your best bet is to arrive early, and car-pool if possible.

About IRO

The IRO oversees the Commission's legislative agenda and represents WSSC before elected bodies. The office is responsible for researching, developing, analyzing, and lobbying for or against legislation impacting the Commission. We also serve as a liaison between the Commission and elected officials.

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