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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](http://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

### *Second (Opposite) Chamber Consideration*

The procedure in the second chamber follows a pattern very similar to that of the original chamber. The third reader bill is read in the second chamber for the first time (first reading) and assigned to a committee.

At the committee hearing in the second chamber, testimony may be limited in duration and, in some cases, testimony is presented by the bill's sponsor only. At the voting session, the committee may vote to report the bill to the floor with a favorable, favorable with amendment(s), or unfavorable vote. If the committee report is favorable, the bill and any committee or floor amendments are considered by the full body and a second reading voice vote is taken. In the second chamber, the bill is not ordered "printed for third reading." Rather, the presiding officer orders the bill "passed" to third reading.

On third reading, the bill is again considered by the second chamber and at this time, unlike in its chamber of origin, a bill may be amended on third reading. On third reading, the bill must receive a favorable vote from the majority of the membership to pass. If the second chamber does not amend a bill, a message is sent to the bill's chamber of origin, declaring the bill passed by "yeas and nays." The bill is then sent to the Governor for his consideration.

## 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	Delegation heard bill and voted to report Favorable 3/11/09.
Prince George’s County Senate Delegation	
House	Environmental Matters 2/13 First Reading Hearing 3/19/09 at 1:00 pm
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.”]

<b>HB 1139 (MC/PG 104-09) Positions</b>	
WSSC	Support
Montgomery County Council	No Position
Montgomery County Executive	No Position
Prince George’s County Council	Support
Prince George’s County Executive	

<b>HB 1139 (MC/PG 104-09) Bill Status</b>	
<i>Prince George’s County House Delegation</i>	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.
<i>Montgomery County House Delegation</i>	Subcommittee heard bill 3/2/09. Voted Favorable as amended 3/9/09. Delegation heard and voted Favorable 3/13/09.
<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 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**

Prince George's County House Delegation	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.
Montgomery County House Delegation	Subcommittee heard bill 3/2/09. Held by Chair 3/9/09.
Prince George's County Senate Delegation	
Montgomery County Senate Delegation	
House	Environmental Matters 2/13 First Reading
Senate	

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

WSSC	No position
Montgomery County Council	Oppose
Montgomery County Executive	Oppose
Prince George's County Council	
Prince George's County Executive	

**MC/PG 118-09 Bill Status**

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

**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	No Position

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

Prince George's County House Delegation	Delegation held public hearing and accepted as late filed. Subcommittee voted Favorable 3/20/09.
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. Voted Favorable 3/9/09. Delegation heard and voted Favorable 3/13/09.
Prince George's County Senate Delegation	
Montgomery County Senate Delegation	
House	Appropriations 2/13 First Reading Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 pm
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	Oppose
Prince George's County Executive	Oppose

**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. Subcommittee Chair Held 3/20/09.
<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>	Support

**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. Subcommittee voted Favorable 3/20/09.
<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](http://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.  
                         3/10/09 Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations

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*Senate*

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**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.

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*Senate*

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**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.  
                         3/10/09 Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations

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*Senate*

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**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.

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*Senate*

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**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.  
                         3/10/09 Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations

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*Senate*

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**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.

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*Senate*

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**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.

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*Senate*

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**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.

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*Senate*

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**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 1054 Bill Status**

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

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*Senate*

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**HB 1058 Environment - Sewage Sludge Utilization Permits - Local Notice**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to provide notice to the legislative body and elected executive of a county of an application to utilize sewage sludge; and requiring the Department to provide notice to the elected executive of a municipal corporation of an application to utilize sewage sludge.

**HB 1058 Bill Status**

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

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*Senate*

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

Requiring notification by mail to specified record residential property owners of specified permit applications under specified circumstances; excluding specified permit applications from the requirement; 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 the notice.

**HB 1078 Bill Status**

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

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*Senate*

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**HB 1083 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.

**HB 1083 Bill Status**

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

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*Senate*

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**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*

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**HB 1547 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.

**HB 1547 Bill Status**

*House*            3/9/09 First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

*Senate*

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**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.

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**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 (HB 641)**

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**

*House*

*Senate*      1/23/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
1/28/09 Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.  
3/19/09 Favorable with Amendments Report by Education Health and Environmental Affairs

**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**

*House*

*Senate*      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 (HB 1547)**

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.

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**SB 408 Bill Status**

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<i>House</i>	3/17/09 First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations
<i>Senate</i>	2/2/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs 2/11/09 Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. 3/11/09 Favorable with Amendments Report by Education Health and Environmental Affairs 3/12/09 Favorable with Amendments Report Adopted Second Reading Passed with Amendments 3/16/09 Third Reading Passed (46-0)

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**SB 432 Environment - Sewage Sludge Utilization - Zoning and Lane 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.

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**SB 432 Bill Status**

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<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. 3/9/09 Unfavorable Report by Education Health and Environmental Affairs

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**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.

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**SB 489 Bill Status**

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<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. 3/19/09 Favorable with Amendments Report by Education Health and Environmental Affairs

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**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.

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**SB 529 Bill Status**

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

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**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**

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*Senate*      2/5/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
2/11/09 Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.  
3/17/09 Favorable with Amendments Report by Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
3/18/09 Favorable with Amendments  
Laid Over (Senator Stoltzfus) Adopted  
3/19/09 Favorable with Amendments  
Special Order 3/24 (Senator Stoltzfus) Adopted

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**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**

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*Senate*      2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
2/11/09 Hearing 3/5 at 1:00 p.m.  
3/16/09 Favorable Report by Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
3/17/09 Favorable Report Adopted  
Second Reading Passed  
3/19/09 Third Reading Passed (44-0)

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**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**

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

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**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.

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**SB 612 Bill Status**

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

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**SB 672 Chesapeake Environment - Stormwater Management - Stormwater User Charge (HB1457)**

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.

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**SB 672 Bill Status**

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

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**SB 721 Private Wastewater Treatment Act of 2009 (HB 1105)**

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

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**SB 721 Bill Status**

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*Senate*            2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
                         2/11/09 Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.  
                         3/19/09 Favorable with Amendments Report by Education Health and Environmental Affairs

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**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.

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**SB 824 Bill Status**

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*Senate*            2/6/09 First Reading Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
                         2/11/09 Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m.  
                         3/16/09 Hearing cancelled  
                                    Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 p.m.

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**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**

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*Senate*      2/23/09 First Reading Senate Rules  
                  3/5/09 Re-referred Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
                  3/9/09 Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m.

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**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**

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*Senate*      2/23/09 First Reading Senate Rules  
                  3/11/09 Re-referred Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
                  3/13/09 Hearing 4/7 at 1:00 p.m.  
                  3/16/09 Hearing cancelled  
                  Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 p.m.

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**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**

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*Senate*      2/23/09 First Reading Senate Rules  
                  3/5/09 Re-referred Education Health and Environmental Affairs  
                  3/9/09 Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m.

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## 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.

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## 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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