

WSSC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As of January 16, 2018

**Note: Local Legislation can be accessed online at: www.montgomerycountydelegation.com and/or www.princegeorgesdelegation.com. State Legislation can be accessed online at: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/> **

Position Key: MCCE = Montgomery County Executive; MCCC = Montgomery County Council; PGCE = Prince George's County Council; PGCC = Prince George's County Council

WSSC recommended positions are in **BOLD**

WSSC Sponsored Legislation

Legislation	Issue/Resolution	Position ¹	Status
Indirect Customer Assistance Program PG/MC 105-18	Defines "indirect customers" as those who pay their water bill as part of rent, HOA fees, etc., and allows WSSC to adopt a customer assistance program to assist low income indirect customers.	WSSC: SUPPORT MCE: Support MCC: Support PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	Voted FAVORABLE by Metro Washington Committee of the Montgomery County Delegation. Will be heard in full delegation on 1/19/18
Service Charges PG/MC 112-18	Allows the use of class-based rates .	WSSC: SUPPORT MCE: Support MCC: Support PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	Held by Metro Washington Committee of the Montgomery County Delegation.

WSSC-Related Legislation (Sponsored by Others)

Legislation	Issue/Resolution	Position ²	Status
Inspector General PG/MC 101-18	Establishes an Inspector General at WSSC.	WSSC: NO POSITION MCE: Pending MCC: No Position PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	Held by Metro Washington Committee of the Montgomery County Delegation.
Funding Accountability and Transparency Act PG/MC 111-18	Mandates that WSSC creates an online searchable database for all payments made to vendors over \$25k. Amendment changes implementation date from 1/1/20 to 7/1/20.	WSSC: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENT MCE: Pending MCC: Support PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	Voted FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT by Metro Washington Committee of the Montgomery County Delegation. Will be heard in full delegation on 1/19/18
Connecting Pipe Loan PG/MC 103-18	Establishes a loan program for replacing lateral pipes.	WSSC: SUPPORT MCE: Pending MCC: Support	

¹ Adopted by Commissioners at the October 2017 Commission meeting

² Adopted by Commissioners at the December 2017 Commission meeting

		PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	
Montgomery and Prince George's Counties – Public Utilities – Property Management PG/MC 109-18	Allows access to tenant accounts by property managers.	WSSC: OPPOSE MCE: Pending MCC: No Position PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	
Water Leakage – Billing PGMC 107-18	Requires WSSC to notify	WSSC: OPPOSE MCE: Pending MCC: Pending PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	Late-filed. Will be heard on 1/19/18 by Montgomery County Delegation
Utilities Service - Master Meters PG 429-18	Prohibits the establishment of a condominium association or the building of condominiums using	WSSC: NO POSITION PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	
<i>Will bring the following legislation to February Commission Meeting for recommendations:</i>			
Criminal Procedure – Search Warrants – Utility Meters HB 56	Requires a search warrant to obtain information from utility “smart meters”.	WSSC: NO POSITION* MCE: Pending MCC: Pending PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	Working w/ sponsor on amendment to clarify exemption for WSSC police force from obtaining search warrants during routine internal investigations. Hearing in Economic Matters Committee 1/16/2018.
Maryland Plumbing Act – Non–Water–Conserving Fixtures and Devices – Repeal of Criminal Penalties for Sale or Installation HB 67	Removes the <i>criminal</i> provisions from selling or installing a non-water conserving device or fixtures. Retains the civil penalties.	WSSC: NO POSITION MCE: Pending MCC: Pending PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending	Hearing in Economic Matters Committee 1/16/2018.

Legislation of Interest

Legislation	Sponsor	Issue/Resolution	Position
PGCPS - Office of Inspector General – Establishment PG 508-18	Washington	Establishes an Inspector General at Prince George's County Inspector General	WSSC: N/A PGCE: Pending PGCC: Pending