HOUSE BILL 1024

 L_5 4lr0683 By: Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2024 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 5, 2024 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program - Expansion PG/MC 101-24 FOR the purpose of expanding the Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program to include certain sewer pipes and diagnostic actions; altering the maximum amount of a loan that may be made under the Program; altering the total amount of loans that the Program may provide or have outstanding; altering the amount of funding and fiscal years for which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission must include funding for the Program in the Commission's budget; and generally relating to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Utilities Section 23–205 Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

Chapter 539 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Section 2

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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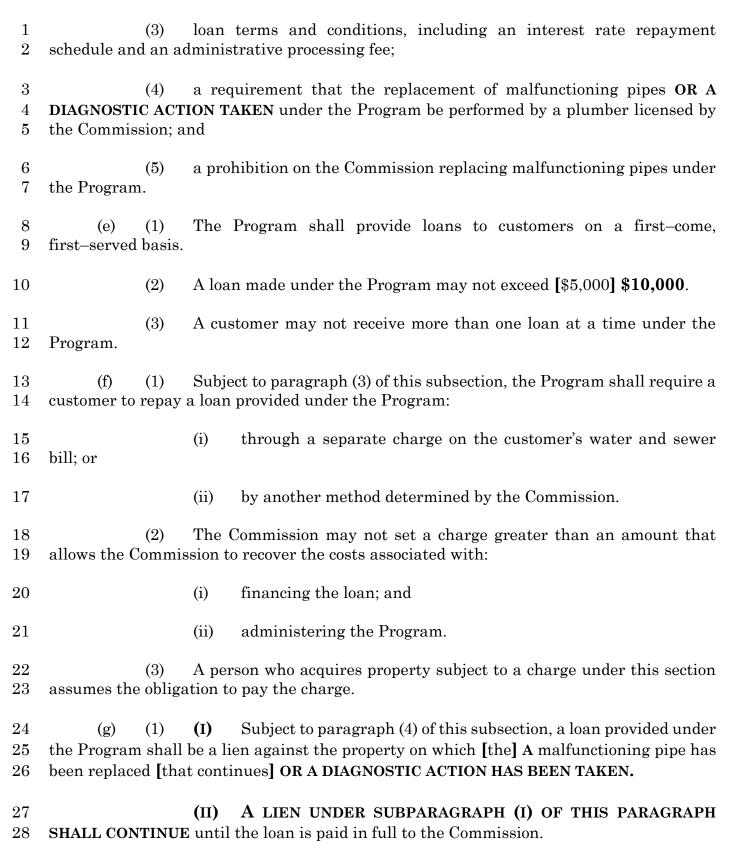
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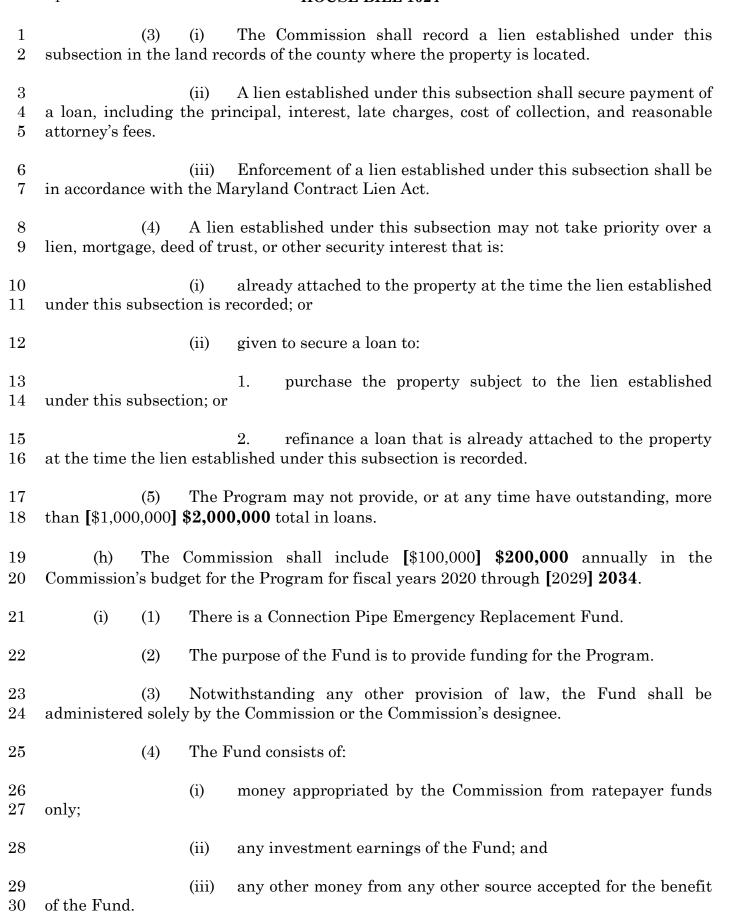
Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



$\frac{1}{2}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
3	Article – Public Utilities					
4	23–205.					
5	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.					
6	(2) "Fund" means the Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Fund.					
7 8 9	(3) (i) "Pipe" means a water OR SEWER service pipe connection locate on a Commission customer's property that connects from the Commission's service connection to a customer's residence.					
10	(ii) "Pipe" includes polybutylene pipes.					
11 12	(4) "Program" means the Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program.					
13 14	(b) The Commission shall establish a Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program.					
15 16	(c) The purpose of the Program is to provide loans to residential customers to DIAGNOSE AND finance the replacement of malfunctioning pipes.					
17	(d) The Program shall include:					
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20	(i) customers applying to receive a loan through the Program;					
21 22	(ii) the type of connection pipe that is being installed to replace the existing connection pipe; [and]					
23 24	(iii) the type of malfunction and pipe replacement emergency that qualifies for the Program; AND					
25 26	(IV) THE TYPE OF DIAGNOSTIC ACTION THAT QUALIFIES FOR THE PROGRAM;					
27 28	(2) a requirement that a customer receive notification or have certification that there is an active leak in [a] THE pipe THAT WILL BE REPLACED;					



29 (2) The Commission shall be [a] THE sole holder of the lien established 30 under paragraph (1) of this subsection.



1	(5)	The 1	Fund may be used only for:			
2		(i)	providing loans through the Program; and			
3		(ii)	the administration of the Program.			
4			Chapter 539 of the Acts of 2018			
5 6 7 8	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of [11] 16 years and, at the end of June 30, [2029] 2034 , this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.					
9 10	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2024 .					
	Approved:					
				Governor.		
Speaker of the House of Delega						

President of the Senate.