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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO IMPOSE A SURCHARGE TO COVER THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING THE CLEAN WATER PROJECT AND TO ADOPT PROCUREMENT PROCESSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Number 438 of the special acts of 1941 is amended to read
2 as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) In any town or city in which The Metropolitan District shall
4 furnish water directly to the inhabitants for domestic and other
5 purposes and shall maintain a sewer system, it may impose for
6 purposes connected with said sewer system as hereinafter stated, a
7 sewer rate upon the users of such water who also use said sewer
8 system, which rate shall be proportional to the quantity of water used
9 as determined by water meters installed and serviced by said district,
10 and shall so far as practicable be uniform throughout the territory
11 served.

12 (b) Such sewer rate shall appear on the water bills of said district as
13 a separate item and shall be due and payable at the same time as the
14 water bills are due and payable. Delinquency in the payment of either

15 water or sewer rates, either non-payment or delay in payment, shall
16 render the user liable to penalty and to the discontinuance of the water
17 service and to a lien upon the premises of the user similar to that now
18 provided in case of non-payment of water rates.

19 (c) The avails of such sewer rate shall be used only for the
20 construction, maintenance, including the maintenance and operation
21 of sewer protection gates and works, repair or reconstruction of said
22 sewer system, any one or more of such purposes, and the payment of
23 the principal and interest of bonds issued for any of such purposes to
24 the extent and in the manner which the district board may, by
25 ordinance, prescribe as hereinafter provided.

26 (d) In accordance with and subject to the limits imposed by this
27 section, the district board may from time to time adopt, alter or repeal
28 ordinances determining the nature and amount of such sewer rates,
29 adjusting special cases, by measurement or estimation of sewer flow,
30 where quantity of water used does not properly reflect use of the
31 sewer. Such ordinances may prescribe the methods of collection and
32 may provide for penalty and discontinuance of water service and lien,
33 and may prescribe and limit the purposes for which the avails of the
34 sewer rates shall be used. Nothing herein contained shall preclude the
35 use of other methods of meeting the expense of such sewer system as
36 are now or may hereafter be provided by law.

37 (e) The district board, by ordinance, may establish and revise a fee
38 to be imposed on member municipalities and customers sufficient to
39 pay the cost of financing capital expenses necessary to comply with a
40 certain consent decree executed by the Metropolitan District
41 Commission of Hartford on or about March 23, 2006, in a case pending
42 in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut
43 encaptioned United States of America and State of Connecticut v. The
44 Metropolitan District Commission of Hartford, Connecticut.

45 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The district board of the Metropolitan
46 District Commission, by ordinance, shall adopt procurement processes

47 and limits for contracting for goods and services. Such ordinance shall
48 provide for (1) expenditure limits for contract bidding, (2) selection of
49 contractors, (3) use of quality-based selection for professional services,
50 (4) low bid selection, (5) procedures to meet state or federal
51 requirements for funding, (6) ethics standards, (7) minority and
52 women-owned business goals, and (8) any other provisions necessary
53 to protect the district's interest.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	Number 438 of the special acts of 1941
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the Metropolitan District Commission to establish (1) fees to pay the cost of compliance with a federal order to abate pollution from combined sewer system overflows, sanitary system overflows and nitrogen discharges, and (2) procurement processes and limits for the contracting of goods and services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]