AN ACT CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION CHARTER.

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

Section 1. Section 19 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929 is amended to read as follows (Effective from passage):

No bonds, notes or other certificates of debt, except such as are to mature in six months or less and to be paid from current taxes shall be issued under authority of this act if such issue shall bring the total outstanding indebtedness of the district to an amount in excess of five per centum of the combined grand lists of said district unless otherwise provided by special act. The grand lists for the purpose of this section shall be deemed to include the assessed value of all shares of capital stock the taxes on which are required by section 1205 of the general statutes, revision of 1918, as amended to be remitted annually to the towns and cities composing the district by the state. In computing the total outstanding indebtedness of the district for the purposes of this section, there shall be deducted the amount of the district's sinking fund, the amount of bonds issued for the supply of...
water or for the construction of subways or underground conduits for
cables, wires or pipes, the principal amount of all such bonds having
been refunded or replaced by other indebtedness the proceeds and
projected earnings on which or other funds are held in escrow to pay
and are sufficient to pay the principal, interest and any redemption
premium until maturity or earlier planned redemption of such
indebtedness and the amount of such other bonds of the district as
may be issued under any act of the legislature, especially providing
that the bonds issued [thereunder] under any such act shall be
deducted in computing the total outstanding indebtedness of the
district.

Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) In any town or city in which The
Metropolitan District shall furnish water directly to the inhabitants for
domestic and other purposes and shall maintain a sanitary sewer
system, the district board of The Metropolitan District may: (1)
Develop a program for control and abatement of stormwater pollution
from existing land uses, and the detection and elimination of
connections to the stormwater system that threaten the public health or
welfare or the environment; (2) provide public education and outreach
relating to stormwater management activities and establish procedures
for public participation; and (3) provide for the administration of such
stormwater management program. In accomplishing the purposes of
this section, such program may plan, layout, acquire, construct,
reconstruct, maintain, supervise and manage stormwater control
systems.

Sec. 3. (Effective from passage) For the purpose of providing adequate
funding to accomplish the goals of section 2 of this act, the district
board of The Metropolitan District may, in the event that stormwater is
discharged to a sanitary sewer system located in a town or city
described in section 2 of this act, impose a stormwater discharge fee
upon such town or city. The district board may from time to time
adopt, alter or repeal ordinances for the determination of the nature
and amount of such stormwater discharge fee and for the adjustment
of special cases, by measurement or estimation of stormwater
discharge, where quantity of water used by the inhabitants does not properly reflect use of the sanitary sewer system. Such ordinances may prescribe the methods of collection, may provide for a penalty and may prescribe and limit the purposes for which avails of the stormwater discharge fees shall be used. Nothing herein contained shall preclude use of other methods of meeting the expense of the stormwater management program described in section 2 of this act.

| Section 1 | from passage | Number 511 of the special acts of 1929, Sec. 19 |
| Sec. 2    | from passage | New section                                       |
| Sec. 3    | from passage | New section                                       |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To amend the charter of The Metropolitan District by permitting the district board to (1) establish a stormwater authority, and (2) impose a stormwater discharge fee.

[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.]