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Bill Summary

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Overview

This is a bill requested by the Metropolitan Council to make miscellaneous changes to its wastewater services enabling law. Effective the day after enactment.

Section

- 1 Water resources plan. Strikes "target pollution loads" from the required contents of the council's water resources plan.
- **2, 4, and 8** Removes obsolete references to "waste control" that refer to the former Metropolitan Waste Control Commission, abolished in 1994, and inserts the council.
- **Deferment of payments.** Permits the council to allow a local government unit to defer payment of allocated current wastewater services costs.
- 5 **1972 U.S. water pollution control act.** Provides that a local government only has to submit to the council its system of charges for wastewater services if requested by the council.
- Removes an obsolete reference to the former Metropolitan Sewer Board, which predated the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission, and inserts the council.
- **Emergency certificates.** Removes an obsolete reference to "waste control" and inserts the council. Makes permissive, instead of mandatory, a tax levy for debt service on emergency certificates of indebtedness.
- **Property exempt from taxation.** Replaces citation to a session law with the statutory citation.