

sion of 1937), authorizing The Mayor and Council of Salisbury to establish such service rates, charges or water rents as it may deem necessary, chargeable against all properties connected with the water system.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 335 of Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Wicomico County", sub-title "Salisbury—Water and Sewers", as amended by Chapter 428 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland (Regular Session of 1937), be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

335. For the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating its water supply, sewerage and drainage systems, including overhead expense and proper depreciation allowance, and for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the principal and interest on any bonds heretofore or hereafter issued by the Mayor and Council of Salisbury pursuant to proper authority, other than the authority conferred by Section 321 of this sub-title, to provide funds for the construction, alteration, extension or purchase of the water, sewerage and drainage system contemplated by this sub-title, and for the purpose of providing funds to be used solely for extensions and additions to water works facilities, including water and sewer connections, The Mayor and Council of Salisbury be and it hereby is empowered and directed to make such service rates, water rents or charges as it may deem necessary, chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe under its ownership. Said rates shall be uniform throughout the City of Salisbury, but subject to change from time to time as necessary. Bills for the amount of the charges shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually as the Mayor and Council of Salisbury may determine to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the Mayor and Council of Salisbury; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after thirty (30) days from the date of sending, the Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall, after written notice, turn off the water from the property in question, and it shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid. All such service rates shall be liens against the property to which such water may be furnished and shall be collectible as City taxes are now or may hereafter be by law collected, and shall have the same priority rights, bear the same interest and penalties and in every respect to be treated the same as said taxes now are.

SEC. 2 *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immedi-