

general proceeds of its funds as may in its judgment render a needed service; and as to all connections to its water mains outside of the said District, it may make such charge as it deems reasonable which charge is to take into consideration the general tax and front foot benefit charge laid within the District and it shall have the same power and authority over such water connections made outside the District as it has within the District, and providing further that if the Commission shall at any time use the waters of the Patuxent River at or above the Town of Laurel for the purpose of furnishing additional water supply to its consumers, it shall as a condition to the right to use such waters furnish to the Mayor and City Council of Laurel for the use of its water supply such water from the Patuxent River supply as said Mayor and City Council of Laurel may desire at the actual cost of supplying such water to the water mains of the town which may be constructed for such purposes by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel to the nearest convenient point to the Patuxent water supply of said Commission, said point of connection between the Commission main and the town main to be at or near the dam of said Commission.

(b) The rate for service, except as herein provided, shall consist of a minimum or ready to serve charge which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be based upon the amount of water passing the meter during the period between the last two readings, said meter being required to be placed on each water connection, by, and at the sole expense of the Commission. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually, as the Commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the Commission; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after 30 days from date of sending, the Commission shall after written notice, to be left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off the water from the property in question and it shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid. If any bill shall remain unpaid for 60 days after being sent out by the Commission it shall be collectible against the owner of the property served, in the same manner as other debts are collectible in the respective counties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 649

(House Bill 374)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1580 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1953

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.