

Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Washington Suburban Sanitary District", said section being also Section 130-37 in the Montgomery County Code (1953 Supplement), being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, relating to water and sewer charges made by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission AND EXISTING CONTRACTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 1580 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1953 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Washington Suburban Sanitary District", said section being also Section 130-37 in the Montgomery County Code (1953 Supplement), being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1580. 130-37. (a) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is hereby authorized and directed to supply without cost to any charitable institutions in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, not to exceed 100 gallons of water per day for each inmate thereof, *and shall make no sewer usage charge for or on account thereof,* provided such institution make no discrimination as to entrance or care against residents of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. The minimum charges covering the cost of reading the water meter may be assessed by said Commission against such institutions, which meter shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the institutions, and said Commission may charge to such institutions the *sewer usage charge and* current rate for water used in excess of 100 gallons per day for each inmate thereof. For the purposes of this section, a charitable institution is herein defined to be one whose object is primarily eleemosynary.

(b) The Commission shall collect its usual water rates, including a meter service charge, for all water used by any State, County or Municipal authority except Fire Departments *and/or Rescue Squads* recognized by the County Commissioners and/or the County Council of the respective Counties and/or maintained and operated by a municipal authority within either of said Counties, notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, *which Fire Departments and/or Rescue Squads shall also be exempt from sewer usage charges.* THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AUTHORITY TO REPUDIATE ANY EXISTING CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION AND ANY MUNICIPALITY LOCATED WITHIN THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.