

section shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section [445] 446 of this sub-title.

*445. The Commission shall be, and it is hereby authorized to make such charge or charges as it shall determine to be reasonable, on an area basis or unit basis or other basis selected by the Commission in its discretion, for urban services provided by it under this sub-title other than water and sewer, and provided further that all charges and/or assessments for storm drainage or surface water drainage systems shall be on an area basis and/or on a square foot basis; and said charges shall be collected and enforced in the same manner and be a lien on all property so served in said district as fully set forth in Section ~~220~~ 430 of this sub-title.*

[445] 446. Every act or omission designated as a misdemeanor in this sub-title, unless otherwise provided, shall be punishable by any trial magistrate or the Circuit Court of the County within which such offense is committed, and the offender shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or to confinement of not more than thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both, in the discretion of the magistrate or Circuit Court. Where such costs or omission is of a continuing nature and is persisted in, in violation of the provisions of this sub-title or of any rule or regulation formulated thereunder, a conviction for one offense shall not be a bar to the conviction for a continuation of such offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.

[446] 447. Any land owned by a church, and constituting the premises occupied by such or its parsonage, and used exclusively for public worship or for other religious or customary purposes of a church or parsonage and not for investment gain or other secular purposes, shall be exempt from the benefit assessments provided for by this sub-title in respect of a frontage not exceeding one hundred and fifty (150) feet. The Commission may, in its discretion, exercise in each individual case, grant or withhold a further exemption of the land so owned and used in respect of any frontage thereof in excess of one hundred and fifty (150) feet hereinbefore provided for.

[447] 448. The Commission each year shall file its budget with the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, and after the Commission has been allowed a hearing on said budget, the County Commissioners shall have the power to amend, alter or reduce said budget, in their discretion.

[448] 449. The Commission shall be, and it is hereby authorized to prescribe all needful rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this sub-title.

[449] 449A. *All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this sub-title are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency, provided that nothing herein contained shall be taken as restricting any control which the State Board of Health of Maryland and the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources are empowered to exercise within any [sanitary] districts.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved April 3, 1959.