

Bills for the amount of the *water and sewer service* charges as above specified shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually, as the Commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereon payable at the office of the Commission; and if any bill remain unpaid after thirty days from date of sending, the Commission shall, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off the water from the property in question, and the water shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid, including [a penalty of two dollars.] *such monetary penalties as the Commission may from time to time adopt by resolution.* If any bill shall remain unpaid for sixty days after being sent by the Commission, it shall be collectible from the owner of the property served in the same manner as other debts are collectible in the County and said ready-to-serve charge, other service charges and all penalties shall be a first lien against said property.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved May 3, 1961.

CHAPTER 747

(House Bill 715)

AN ACT to repeal and reenact with amendments Section 5 (a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition), being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Howard County," sub-title "Building Regulations," so as to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Howard County to delegate to the Howard County Metropolitan Commission the authority and duty to inspect the construction, installation and equipment of gas fixtures, devices and connections from the outlet of the meter supplying any building, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the County Commissioners of Howard County, such authority so delegated to include the power to require a permit for any such construction, installation and equipment and to charge a fee therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 5(a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Howard County (1957 Edition), being Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Howard County", sub-title "Building Regulations," be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments to read as follows:

5. Building regulations; authorized, enforcement.

(a) The County Commissioners of Howard County are hereby given full power and authority to direct in what parts of Howard County buildings of wood may be erected, and to regulate, restrain or prohibit, in its discretion, the erection of buildings or structures of wood, frame or wood composition, within the present limits of Howard County or any thickly populated portion thereof and to remove the same at the owner's expense as herein provided, when