

CHAPTER 132  
(Senate Bill 587)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 657 (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Sanitary Districts," to permit the sanitary commission of Allegany County to direct that water and sewer service be disconnected for non-payment of sewer charges or benefit assessments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 657 (b) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Sanitary Districts," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) Whenever any water supply or sewerage project in any sanitary district or sanitary districts shall have been completed by March 31st, in any one year, regardless of when said construction was commenced, then the said commission shall fix and levy a benefit charge as of the first day of July of the year in which the project was completed upon said water main or sewer, in accordance with the classification or subdivision thereof, and shall in writing, notify all owners of said properties into which class and subdivision their respective properties fall and the charge determined upon, naming also in said notice a time and place, when and at which time said owner will be heard. Such notice may be mailed to the last known address of the owner, or served in person upon any adult occupying the premises or in case of a vacant or unimproved property posted upon the premises.

In Allegany County, any other section or subsections of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever any water supply or sewerage project in any sanitary district or districts shall be completed, the commission shall from that time be authorized to fix the annual benefit assessment in the manner provided for herein and shall be authorized to levy and collect a pro rata benefit charge for the remainder of the current fiscal year if any then remaining and, thereafter, shall levy and collect the annual benefit assessment charge in the manner provided for herein. *The commission may direct that the water and sewer service be disconnected for non-payment of service charges or benefit assessments.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 15, 1970

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CHAPTER 133  
(Senate Bill 611)

AN ACT to add new Section 7A to the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code