

placed upon said diseased trees by the Secretary and the owner thereof notified personally or by a written notice left at his usual place of residence, or by leaving the notice with the person in charge of the trees or fruit, or in whose possession the same may be, said notice to contain a simple statement of the facts as found to exist, with an order to effectually remove and destroy by fire the trees so marked within fifteen days from the date of the service of said notice, and in case of fruit so infected, such notice shall require the person in whose possession or control it is found to immediately destroy the same or cause IT to be destroyed by fire.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved April 26, 1973.

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CHAPTER 104

(Senate Bill 764)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 439W and 439X of the Code of Public Local Laws of Carroll County (1965 Edition, being Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Carroll County," subtitle "Carroll County Sanitary Commission," as added by Chapter 754 of the Acts of 1967; relating generally to liens placed on properties of homeowners who have failed to pay the charges for installation of water and sewer facilities by the Carroll County Sanitary Commission; and correcting obsolete references to trial magistrates.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 439W and 439X of the Code of Public Local Laws of Carroll County (1965 Edition, being Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Carroll County," subtitle "Carroll County Sanitary Commission," as added by Chapter 754 of the Acts of 1967, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

439W.

Front foot benefit assessments, water and sewer system upkeep charges, connection charges, and other charges which the Commission is empowered to make shall be liens upon the property served or benefited and, in addition to being enforced by actions at law, may be enforced by a bill in equity against the property so served or benefited. IN ADDITION TO BEING ENFORCED BY ACTIONS AT LAW AND A BILL IN EQUITY, THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, IF DIRECTED BY THE COMMISSION AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SHALL SELL THE PROPERTY OF THE DELINQUENT PROPERTY OWNER IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER PROPERTIES ARE SOLD AT TAX SALE. The liens shall be subject only to liens for State and county taxes. Such charges shall be due when made and after [sixty (60)] NINETY (90) days from that date shall bear interest at the rate of one-half per centum (1/2%) per month. Neither the due dates nor the interval between such dates need be uniform throughout the county.

439X.