(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 60 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved April 25, 2006.

CHAPTER 149

(Senate Bill 1036)

AN ACT concerning

Environment - Sewerage Service - Unpaid Services

FOR the purpose of extending the period of time after which a political subdivision or private water company may disconnect water service to a property if a bill for sewerage service is unpaid; authorizing a private water company to disconnect water service if a bill for sewerage service is unpaid for a certain number of days; authorizing a private water company to charge a certain fee in accordance with certain requirements when it reconnects water service; and generally relating to unpaid sewerage services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 9-726.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Environment

9-726.1.

- (a) If a bill for sewerage service is unpaid for 30 45 days after being sent, a political subdivision may disconnect water service to the property.
- (b) Before disconnecting water service under this section, the political subdivision shall provide notice:
- (1) By mail sent to the last known address of the owner of the property; or
 - (2) By posting the notice on the premises of the property served.
 - (c) (1) This subsection applies if a political subdivision:
 - (i) Provides sewerage service to a property; but