[E.] F. Penalties. Any violation of any of the provisions of this section is a misdemeanor punishable under Section 176.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved April 8, 1986.

CHAPTER 41

(House Bill 167)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Metropolitan Commission - Service Rates

FOR the purpose of requiring the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to begin the assessment of water and sewer service rates either at the time of connection to a water main or sewer or on the expiration of the deadline for connection as required by the Commission in accordance with certain provisions of law, whichever occurs first.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County Section 113-14 A. Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland (1978 Edition and July, 1985 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 19 - St. Mary's County

113-14.

A. For the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating its water supply and sewerage systems, for line extensions of them, for its administrative and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, if any, and for interest on and the retirement of bonds as specified in this chapter, the Commission may make service rates, as it deems necessary, on water lines and sewers chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe or sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. The rate for both water and sewer service shall be uniform throughout a sanitary district, subject to changes as the Commission deems to be necessary. However, where the Commission provides service to property in an area in which it is economically not feasible to provide service