

altering the penalty amount that Somerset County is required to charge if a water service bill is unpaid for a certain time; and generally relating to the alteration of the penalty amount charged for the nonpayment of water service bills in Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 9-662(l) and 9-724(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

9-662.

(l) If a water bill is unpaid for 30 days after being sent, and after written notice is left on the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, the sanitary commission may:

(1) Disconnect water service to the property; and

(2) Require, before reconnecting water service, payment of the entire water bill plus:

(i) In the Bonnie Brook area of Dorchester County, \$15; [and]

(ii) IN SOMERSET COUNTY, \$10; AND

(III) In other county sanitary districts, \$5.

9-724.

(c) (1) The political subdivision shall send bills for water service quarterly or twice a year to each property served.

(2) The bills are payable at the office of the political subdivision on receipt.

(3) If any bill remains unpaid after 30 days from the date the bill is sent, the political subdivision shall:

(i) Notify the owner of the property served, in writing, that the bill is in arrears and that water service will be discontinued; and

(ii) Leave the notice on the owner's property or mail the notice to the last known address of the owner; and

(iii) Discontinue water service to the property until the owner pays the bill and [a]:

1. EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER ITEM 2 OF THIS ITEM, A \$5 penalty; AND