

CHAPTER 387

(House Bill 842)

AN ACT concerning

Water Reconnection Charges – Local Authorization

FOR the purpose of enabling ~~the governing bodies of certain local governments a governing body of a county~~ to establish by ordinance certain reconnection charges for water services rendered within ~~their jurisdictions~~ its jurisdiction; and providing for the continuity of certain reconnection charges until modified or repealed in accordance with this Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9-662(1) and 9-724(c)(3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume)

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;
- (ii) In the Garrett County sanitary district, an amount that does not exceed \$25;

- (iii) In Somerset County, \$10; and

(iv) In other county sanitary districts, \$5] A RECONNECTION CHARGE REASONABLY RELATED TO THE COST OF RECONNECTION, AS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY ~~OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION~~ IN WHICH THE WATER SERVICE IS PROVIDED.

9-724.

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