(3) Any payment which is accepted in excess of the rent referred to in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall not bear interest but will be returned to the tenant in the same manner as security deposits as defined under § 8-203 of this title but shall not be subject to the penalties of that section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.

## CHAPTER 712

(House Bill 1244)

AN ACT concerning

## Municipal Water and Sewerage Systems - Unpaid Sewerage Charges - Disconnection of Water Service

FOR the purpose of authorizing political subdivisions, as defined for certain statutory purposes, to disconnect water service based on certain delinquent sewerage bills owed to the political subdivision or owed to another political subdivision; requiring certain notice before disconnecting water service; authorizing a political subdivision to require full payment of a sewerage bill plus a reconnection charge before reconnection of water service; repealing a similar authorization applicable to a single sanitary commission; altering a certain definition; providing for the application and construction of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to municipal water and sewerage systems operated by certain general or limited purpose governments.

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 9-720

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 9-720 and 9-721(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY adding to

Article - Environment

Section 9-726.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

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