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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County - Water and Sewerage Systems - Benefit Assessments and**
3 **Connection Charges**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a sanitary commission in Allegany County to set
5 reasonable benefit assessments on certain property to pay the cost of capital
6 improvements to the water or sewerage system.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Environment
9 Section 9-656
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Environment**

15 9-656.

16 (a) (1) To pay the principal and interest on bonds issued under this subtitle,
17 a sanitary commission may set reasonable benefit assessments and reasonable
18 connection charges.

19 (2) IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, A SANITARY COMMISSION MAY ALSO SET
20 REASONABLE BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS TO PAY THE COST OF CAPITAL
21 IMPROVEMENTS TO A WATER OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

1 [(2)] (3) [However, the] THE Sanitary Commission of Worcester County
2 may also set reasonable benefit assessments and reasonable connection charges to
3 pay other costs on bonds issued under this subtitle.

4 (b) (1) Except for Worcester County, a connection charge made under this
5 section shall be equal at least to the cost of making the connection between a water
6 system or sewerage system and the property served by that system.

7 (2) In Worcester County, a connection charge shall be equal at least to:

8 (i) The actual cost of making the connection between a water
9 system or sewerage system and the property served by the system; or

10 (ii) The average cost of making a connection based on:

11 1. The diameter and the length of the connector; or

12 2. The diameter of the connector and the width of the way in
13 which the water pipe or sewer pipe is laid.

14 (3) In the case of connectors constructed under § 9-661 of this subtitle
15 during construction of the water line or sewer line, the Sanitary Commission of
16 Worcester County shall determine a connection charge under paragraph (2)(ii) of this
17 subsection that is the same on each side of the way in which the line is laid.

18 (c) The Sanitary Commission may set benefit assessments on all property,
19 improved or unimproved, that abuts a way in which a water main or sewer has been
20 built.

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