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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Water and Sewer Usage 3 <br> 4 Charges - Liens MC/PG 107-01

5 FOR the purpose of providing that water and sewer service charges and penalties 6 imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission that remain unpaid 7 for a certain period after a certain notice is sent may be collected from the owner 8 of the property, are subject to the same interest as certain taxes, and are a first 9 lien on the property; and generally relating to water and sewer service charges 10 imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
13 Section 6-104(b)(4)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District

19 6-104.
20 (b) (4) (i) A bill for the amount of these charges shall be sent monthly, 4
21 times a year, or twice a year, as the WSSC determines, to each property served, and
2 on receipt each bill is payable at the office of the WSSC.

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(ii) An additional late payment charge of 5 percent of the unpaid 24 charges shall be added and collected as part of the bill if:

1. The WSSC sends out a bill for water and sewer usage

26 charges in the regular course of business;

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2 paid 30 days from the date of sending; or
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4 paid 20 days from the date of sending. 6 for or derogation of any other right or remedy granted to the WSSC by any other law.

7 (iv) [If any bill is not paid for 60 days after being sent out by the 8 WSSC, the bill shall be collected against the owner of the property served in the same 9 manner as other debts are collected in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

10 (v) 1.] If any bill [is not paid] REMAINS UNPAID after 30 days
11 from the date of sending, the WSSC [, after written notice left] SHALL:
12 WOTIFY THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SERVED, IN
13 WRITING, THAT THE BILL IS IN ARREARS AND THAT WATER SERVICE WILL BE
14 DISCONTINUED;
2. LEAVE THE NOTICE on the premises or [mailed] MAIL 16 THE NOTICE to the last known address of the owner [, shall turn off the water from
17 the property in question.]; AND
[2.] 3. [The water may not be turned on again] DISCONTINUE WATER SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY until the bill, any late payment 0 penalty charges as authorized by law, and the cost incurred in shutting off and
21 restoring the water supply are paid.
22 (V) IF ANY BILL REMAINS UNPAID AFTER 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE
23 OF SENDING THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS
24 PARAGRAPH:

