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26 charges in the regular course of business;

	A BILL ENTITLED
1	AN ACT concerning
2 3 4	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Water and Sewer Usage Charges - Liens MC/PG 107-01
5 6 7 8 9	FOR the purpose of providing that water and sewer service charges and penalties imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission that remain unpaid for a certain period after a certain notice is sent may be collected from the owner of the property, are subject to the same interest as certain taxes, and are a first lien on the property; and generally relating to water and sewer service charges imposed by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.
1 12 13 14	Section 6-104(b)(4) Annotated Code of Maryland
6	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
8	Article 29 - Washington Suburban Sanitary District
9	6-104.
	(b) (4) (i) A bill for the amount of these charges shall be sent monthly, 4 times a year, or twice a year, as the WSSC determines, to each property served, and on receipt each bill is payable at the office of the WSSC.
23 24	(ii) An additional late payment charge of 5 percent of the unpaid charges shall be added and collected as part of the bill if:
25	1. The WSSC sends out a bill for water and sewer usage

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1 2	2. For a service period of 3 months or more, the bill is not paid 30 days from the date of sending; or
3 4	3. For a service period of less than 3 months, the bill is not paid 20 days from the date of sending.
5 6	(iii) The additional charge is in addition to and not in substitution for or derogation of any other right or remedy granted to the WSSC by any other law.
	(iv) [If any bill is not paid for 60 days after being sent out by the WSSC, the bill shall be collected against the owner of the property served in the same manner as other debts are collected in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.
10 11	(v) 1.] If any bill [is not paid] REMAINS UNPAID after 30 days from the date of sending, the WSSC [, after written notice left] SHALL:
	1. NOTIFY THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SERVED, IN WRITING, THAT THE BILL IS IN ARREARS AND THAT WATER SERVICE WILL BE DISCONTINUED;
	2. LEAVE THE NOTICE on the premises or [mailed] MAIL THE NOTICE to the last known address of the owner [, shall turn off the water from the property in question.]; AND
20	[2.] 3. [The water may not be turned on again] DISCONTINUE WATER SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY until the bill, any late payment penalty charges as authorized by law, and the cost incurred in shutting off and restoring the water supply are paid.
	(V) IF ANY BILL REMAINS UNPAID AFTER 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SENDING THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THIS PARAGRAPH:
27 28	1. THE BILL AND ANY PENALTY IMPOSED SHALL BE COLLECTIBLE FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER IN THE SAME MANNER AS TAXES ARE COLLECTIBLE IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY SERVED IS LOCATED AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME INTEREST AS ARE OVERDUE TAXES IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY; AND
30 31	2. THE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AND USAGE CHARGES AND ALL PENALTIES SHALL BE A FIRST LIEN ON THE PROPERTY.
32 33	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.