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By: **Carroll County Delegation**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Water and Sewerage Systems - Connection to Public**  
3 **Systems**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll  
5 County to establish a fund to assist certain property owners connecting to public  
6 water and sewerage systems under certain circumstances; requiring that  
7 disbursements from the fund be used to pay certain costs; requiring property  
8 owners who have received disbursements from the fund to repay the fund;  
9 requiring the Board to impose liens on certain benefitted properties; requiring  
10 the Board to establish certain repayment provisions; and generally relating to  
11 the connection to public water and sewerage systems in Carroll County.

12 BY adding to  
13 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County  
14 Section 14-705(3)  
15 Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
16 (1976 Edition and 1999 Supplement, as amended)  
17 (As enacted by Chapter 601 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

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

20 **Article 7 - Carroll County**

21 14-705.

22 For the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating its  
23 water and sewerage systems, and for its operation and other expenses, including  
24 proper depreciation allowances, and for interest on and the retirements of bonds as  
25 specified in this title, the Board may make the following charges:

26 (3) (I) THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH A CONTINUING REVOLVING FUND  
27 THAT SHALL BE USED TO ASSIST PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR  
28 STATE OR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE, BUT MEET FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA SET

1 BY THE BOARD TO FACILITATE CONNECTION TO PUBLIC WATER AND SEWERAGE  
2 SYSTEMS.

3 (II) DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO PAY THE  
4 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM CONNECTIONS  
5 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE MUNICIPAL CONNECTION FEES, WELL  
6 CLOSURES, ELECTRICAL UPGRADES, AND SIMILAR CHARGES.

7 (III) PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED DISBURSEMENTS  
8 FROM THE FUND SHALL REPAY THE FUND.

9 (IV) THE BOARD SHALL:

10 1. IMPOSE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY BENEFITTED FROM  
11 THE CONNECTION TO PUBLIC WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS FOR THE AMOUNT  
12 PAID BY THE BOARD ON THE PROPERTY OWNER'S BEHALF; AND

13 2. ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR REPAYMENT TO THE FUND  
14 BY PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL PAYMENTS TO BE ADDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER'S  
15 PROPERTY TAX BILLS.

16 (V) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAY BE ENFORCED UNDER  
17 § 14-706 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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