HOUSE BILL 1161

L6 2lr2732

By: **Charles County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2012
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Assessment for Abatement of Zoning Violation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Charles County to
4   assess for abatement of zoning violations; adding the assessment to the annual
5   tax bill of the property; specifying how the assessment will be collected;
6   subjecting assessments to certain interest and penalties; specifying that an
7   assessment is a lien against the property; providing for the effective date of this
8   Act; and generally relating to assessment for abatement of zoning violations.

9 BY adding to
10   Article – Land Use
11   Section 9–807
12   Annotated Code of Maryland
13   (As enacted by Chapter___(S.B.___/H.B.___)(2lr0396) of the Acts of the General
14   Assembly of 2012)

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

17 **Article – Land Use**

18 **9–807.**

19   (A) IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ABATE A VIOLATION OF A ZONING
20 LAW, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ASSESS AGAINST THE PROPERTY THE
21 REASONABLE COSTS OF THE ABATEMENT.

22   (B) THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE:

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   **(1)   ADDED TO THE ANNUAL TAX BILL OF THE PROPERTY TO BE**
2   **COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ORDINARY TAXES ARE COLLECTED; AND**

3   **(2)   SUBJECT TO THE SAME INTEREST AND PENALTY FOR**
4   **NONPAYMENT AS PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF COUNTY TAXES.**

5   **(C)   THE ASSESSMENT IS A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY FROM THE**
6   **DATE OF ASSESSMENT UNTIL PAID.**

7   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8   on the taking effect of Chapter___(S.B.___/H.B.___)(2lr0396) of the Acts of the General
9   Assembly of 2012. If the effective date of Chapter ___ is amended, this Act shall take
10   effect on the taking effect of Chapter ___.