

Chapter 378

(House Bill 512)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Garrett County Sanitary District – Imposition of Late Fees

FOR the purpose of authorizing the sanitary district in Garrett County to charge a late fee for certain unpaid usage charges; authorizing the County Commissioners of Garrett County to require the payment of certain late fees before reconnecting certain water service; providing that a charge that is in default will accrue interest from a certain date and at a certain rate; and generally relating to water and sewer service charges in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–601(a), (d), (j), and (k) and 9–629(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Environment
Section 9–662(o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

9–601.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (d) (1) “District” means an entity that is created under this subtitle.
(2) “District” includes a board, body, or commission that assumes the principal functions of a district that is created under this subtitle and later abolished.
- (j) “Project” means a water system, sewerage system, solid waste disposal system, or solid waste acceptance facility or any part of these that a district owns, constructs, or operates.

(k) “Sanitary commission” means a sanitary commission created under this subtitle.

9-629.

(b) The County Commissioners of Garrett County shall govern the district in Garrett County.

9-662.

(O) IN GARRETT COUNTY, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW:

(1) THE DISTRICT MAY CHARGE AN OWNER OF A PARCEL SERVICED BY OR CONNECTED TO A PROJECT THAT THE DISTRICT OPERATES A LATE FEE FOR ANY UNPAID USAGE CHARGE THAT IS BASED ON THE USE OF THE PROJECT BY THE OWNER OF THE PARCEL;

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY MAY REQUIRE, BEFORE RECONNECTING WATER SERVICE, PAYMENT OF ANY APPLICABLE LATE FEES IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER CHARGE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION; AND

(3) A CHARGE THAT IS IN DEFAULT SHALL ACCRUE INTEREST FROM THE DATE OF DEFAULT AT A RATE SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.