

## **Chapter 419**

**(House Bill 1161)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to

Article – Land Use

Section 9–807

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter 426 (S.B.\_\_\_\_/H.B.\_\_\_\_)(2r0396) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012)

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

#### **Article – Land Use**

#### **9–807.**

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

**(B) THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE:**

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

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

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 426 (S.B.\_\_/H.B.\_\_)(2lr0396) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012. If the effective date of Chapter 426 is amended, this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 426.

**Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.**