

and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee of the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, when the amount of money in the HealthChoice Performance Incentive Fund reaches \$2.5 million.

SECTION 2 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved April 10, 2001.

CHAPTER 78

(House Bill 431)

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County - Water and Sewerage Systems - Benefit Assessments and Connection Charges

FOR the purpose of authorizing a sanitary commission in Allegany County to set reasonable benefit assessments on certain property to pay the cost of capital improvements to the water or sewerage system.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 9-656

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

9-656.

(a) (1) To pay the principal and interest on bonds issued under this subtitle, a sanitary commission may set reasonable benefit assessments and reasonable connection charges.

(2) IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, A SANITARY COMMISSION MAY ALSO SET REASONABLE BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS TO PAY THE COST OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO A WATER OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

[(2)](3) [However, the] THE Sanitary Commission of Worcester County may also set reasonable benefit assessments and reasonable connection charges to pay other costs on bonds issued under this subtitle.

(b) (1) Except for Worcester County, a connection charge made under this section shall be equal at least to the cost of making the connection between a water system or sewerage system and the property served by that system.