

Chapter 439

(House Bill 812)

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Water Service – ~~Property Owners~~ Billing

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a political subdivision shall send a bill for water service to ~~each~~ the property, the property owner, or the property owner's designee for each property served on a monthly, quarterly, or semiannual basis; and generally relating to bills for water service.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9–724(c)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 9–724(c)(2) and (3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

9–724.

(c) (1) The political subdivision shall send bills for water service [quarterly or twice a year to] **TO ~~EACH~~ THE PROPERTY, THE PROPERTY OWNER, OR THE PROPERTY OWNER'S DESIGNEE FOR** each property served **ON A MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, OR SEMIANNUAL BASIS.**

(2) The bills are payable at the office of the political subdivision on receipt.

(3) If any bill remains unpaid after 30 days from the date the bill is sent, the political subdivision shall:

(i) Notify the owner of the property served, in writing, that the bill is in arrears and that water service will be discontinued;

(ii) Leave the notice on the owner's property or mail the notice to the last known address of the owner; and

(iii) Discontinue water service to the property until the owner pays the bill and a reconnection charge reasonably related to the cost of reconnection, as established by ordinance of the governing body of the county or municipal corporation in which the water service is provided.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.