

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Robert M. Summers, Ph.D., Secretary

BILL NO: House Bill 180

COMMITTEE: Budget & Taxation Committee

POSITION: Support

TITLE: Dorchester County Sanitary Commission – Enforcement of Liens –
Tax Sale Authorization

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would modify § 9-658 of the Environment Article to authorize the Dorchester County Sanitary Commission to conduct a tax sale to enforce a lien for certain unpaid assessments or charges.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: MDE supports House Bill 180.

The Dorchester County Sanitary Commission is a public corporate body authorized by the General Assembly to oversee the provision of water and sewer services in Dorchester County.

Although the Department is unaware of any specific collection problems in Dorchester County, strengthening local government's ability to collect unpaid assessment or charges will ensure that revenue to the Sanitary Commission is maximized and that application of the assessments and charges is being enforced consistently and fairly throughout the County.

Local governments utilize a variety of methods to ensure collection of water and sewer assessments and charges. The addition of tax sale authority will enhance collection efforts for water and sewer assessments or charges. The Department supports this modification to the State law.

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