

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1740, L.D. 1858, Bill,  
"AN ACT Amending the Charter of the York Sewer District."

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause  
the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature  
do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless  
enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the York Sewer District recently adopted a  
quarterly billing system based upon the district's conversion  
to a meter system; and

Whereas, the present charter and conversion to a new  
billing system necessitates semiannual lien notices; and

Whereas, the York Sewer District will be required under  
the present charter to issue a second lien notice in July; and

Whereas, the intent of the charter is to use an annual  
lien notice; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after  
the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:  
'The treasurer, when a rate, toll, rent or other charge

has become due and payable, may, after the expiration of 3 months and within 1 year after the date when the same became due and payable, or in the case of quarterly billing within one year after the date of the first quarterly billing, or in the case of a person resident within the district, give to such person, or leave at his last and usual place of abode, a notice in writing signed by the treasurer stating the amount of such rate, toll, rent or other charge, describing the real estate upon which the lien is claimed and stating that a lien is claimed on said real estate to secure the payment of said rate, toll, rent or other charge, and demanding payment of said rate, toll, rent or other charge within 30 days after the service of such notice as aforesaid.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to allow the bill to take effect as soon as it is enacted and to clarify the bill. This amendment insures that an annual lien notice rather than semiannual notice will be provided to York Sewer District customers who incur debts to the sewer district.