

*Town of Manchester*  
*Water and Sewer Department*  
**Memorandum**

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DATE: March 11, 2013  
TO: Planning & Development Committee  
FROM: Edward J. Soper, Administrator  
RE: **HB-6325, An Act Concerning Mortgage Debts**

Manchester Water & Sewer Department respectfully requests your assistance in addressing concerns regarding a bill relating to mortgage debts which was adopted last session. The new law has the unintended consequence of requiring water and sewer departments to attach a two-page legal notice to any statement or bill indicating that a property owner is in arrears in payment.

In addition to increasing the cost and burden of issuing delinquent notices, the new law may cause some distress to customers who receive the notice. The notice appears to indicate that the property owner is at risk of facing foreclosure or some other legal action may be pending and is understandably and unnecessarily confusing.

It is our understanding that this form is now required by Public Act 12-1. It is unclear why this notice requirement was adopted in special session but it has created a matter of much concern in municipal water and sewer departments.

We are asking that this law be repealed to address these concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact me at 860-647-3115.

cc: Betsy Gara, CWWA Executive Director  
Fran Taylor, MWSD Customer Service Manager  
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