



General Assembly

February Session, 2018

***Raised Bill No. 5509***

LCO No. 2313



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING WATER POLLUTION CONTROL  
AUTHORITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the  
2 provisions of any special act, municipal charter or ordinance to the  
3 contrary, each municipality shall adopt an ordinance, if applicable, to  
4 protect seniors, veterans and low-income families from water pollution  
5 control authority foreclosures by restricting accelerated foreclosure  
6 proceedings for past due sewer fees owed by any such person. For  
7 purposes of this section, "municipality" means any town, city,  
8 consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the provisions  
10 of any special act, municipal charter or ordinance to the contrary, any  
11 municipality may adopt an ordinance, if applicable, to lower the  
12 interest rate charged by such municipality on delinquent sewer  
13 assessments.

14 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the provisions

15 of any special act, municipal charter or ordinance to the contrary, any  
16 municipality may adopt an ordinance, if applicable, to restrict  
17 assignees of water pollution control authorities from purchasing  
18 foreclosed properties and to establish financial guidelines that trigger  
19 foreclosure for nonpayment of fees.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect consumers from unfair and abusive water pollution control authority proceedings and charges.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*