



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5509

File No. 380

Cal. No. 254

**"AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES FOR INTEREST RATES ON DELINQUENT SEWER ASSESSMENTS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the  
4 provisions of any special act, municipal charter or ordinance to the  
5 contrary, each municipality shall adopt an ordinance, if applicable, to

6 protect seniors, veterans and low-income families from water pollution  
7 control authority foreclosures by restricting accelerated foreclosure  
8 proceedings for past due sewer fees owed by any such person. For  
9 purposes of this section, "municipality" means any town, city,  
10 consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough.

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

16 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the provisions  
17 of any special act, municipal charter or ordinance to the contrary, each  
18 municipality shall adopt an ordinance, if applicable, to restrict  
19 assignees of water pollution control authorities from purchasing  
20 foreclosed properties and to establish financial guidelines that trigger  
21 foreclosure for nonpayment of fees.

22 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding any provision  
23 of the general statutes, on and after the effective date of this section, no  
24 action to foreclose a lien shall be instituted for a period of one year  
25 after such action is filed by a water pollution control authority or a  
26 representative of such authority. No action shall be taken on any lien  
27 pending in the Superior Court on the effective date of this section for a  
28 period of one year.

29 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of  
30 the general statutes, special act, municipal charter or ordinance, not  
31 later than January 1, 2019, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority  
32 shall establish a program to regulate any applicable charges and  
33 assessments and lien processes, including, but not limited to,  
34 foreclosures, of any water pollution control authorities located in  
35 municipalities with populations of not fewer than one hundred  
36 thousand that are served by a private water company that is regulated  
37 by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. Not later than two years

38 following the establishment of such program, the Commissioner of  
 39 Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a report to the joint  
 40 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 41 matters relating to planning and development, energy and technology  
 42 and the environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
 43 4a of the general statutes, detailing the status of such program and  
 44 identifying any recommendations for legislation to further facilitate or  
 45 expand such program.

46 (b) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall direct each water  
 47 pollution control authority or private water company regulated  
 48 pursuant to the program established under this section to assess and  
 49 collect a surcharge on each customer served by each such authority or  
 50 company under such program. Such surcharge shall be in an amount  
 51 equal to four dollars per customer per year. The proceeds from such  
 52 surcharge shall be remitted to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority  
 53 and applied to offset the costs and expenses of establishing and  
 54 administering such program."

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
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section