AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES.

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

Section 1. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 7-239 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(c) Any municipality, by resolution of its legislative body, may assign, for consideration, any and all liens filed by the superintendent of the waterworks system or tax collector to secure unpaid water charges as provided under the provisions of this chapter. The consideration received by the municipality shall be negotiated between the municipality and the assignee. The assignee or assignees of such liens shall have and possess the same powers and rights at law or in equity as such municipality and municipality's tax collector would have had if the lien had not been assigned with regard to the precedence and priority of such lien, the accrual of interest and the fees and expenses of collection. The assignee shall have the same rights to enforce such liens as any private party holding a lien on real property, including, but not limited to, foreclosure and a suit on the debt. Costs
and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the assignee as a result of any foreclosure action or other legal proceeding brought pursuant to this section and directly related to the proceeding shall be taxed in any such proceeding against each person having title to any property subject to the proceedings. Such costs and fees may be collected by the assignee at any time after demand for payment has been made by the assignee.

(d) The amount of any such rate or charge which remains due and unpaid for thirty days may, with reasonable attorneys' fees, be recovered by the legislative body in a civil action in the name of the municipality against such owners. The municipality shall be subject to the same rates or charges under the same conditions as other users of such waterworks system.

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 7-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(c) Any municipality, by resolution of its legislative body, may assign, for consideration, any and all liens filed by the tax collector to secure unpaid sewer assessments as provided under the provisions of this chapter. The consideration received by the municipality shall be negotiated between the municipality and the assignee. The assignee or assignees of such liens shall have and possess the same powers and rights at law or in equity as such municipality and municipality's tax collector would have had if the lien had not been assigned with regard to the precedence and priority of such lien, the accrual of interest and the fees and expenses of collection. The assignee shall have the same rights to enforce such liens as any private party holding a lien on real property, including, but not limited to, foreclosure and a suit on the debt. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the assignee as a result of any foreclosure action or other legal proceeding brought pursuant to this section and directly related to the proceeding shall be taxed in any such proceeding against each person having title to any property subject to the proceedings. Such costs and fees may be
collected by the assignee at any time after demand for payment has been made by the assignee.

Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 7-258 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(b) Any municipality, by resolution of its legislative body, may assign, for consideration, any and all liens filed by the tax collector or collector of sewerage system connection and use charges to secure unpaid sewerage connection and use charges as provided under the provisions of this chapter. The consideration received by the municipality shall be negotiated between the municipality and the assignee. The assignee or assignees of such liens shall have and possess the same powers and rights at law or in equity as such municipality and municipality's tax collector would have had if the lien had not been assigned with regard to the precedence and priority of such lien, the accrual of interest and the fees and expenses of collection. The assignee shall have the same rights to enforce such liens as any private party holding a lien on real property, including, but not limited to, foreclosure and a suit on the debt. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the assignee as a result of any foreclosure action or other legal proceeding brought pursuant to this section and directly related to the proceeding shall be taxed in any such proceeding against each person having title to any property subject to the proceedings. Such costs and fees may be collected by the assignee at any time after demand for payment has been made by the assignee.

Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 7-403a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(e) Upon the recommendation of the chief executive officer and the budget-making authority and approval by the legislative body, (1) any part or the whole of such fund may be used and appropriated to pay only for property or casualty losses and employee retirement benefits,
and expenses related thereto, including court costs and [attorneys’] attorney’s fees, incurred by the municipality, or (2) any part or the whole of such fund may be transferred to a trust established to hold and invest the assets of a pension, retirement or other postemployment health and life benefit system of the municipality. Any unexpended portion of such appropriation remaining after such payment, together with all interest accruing on the balance in the fund, shall revert to and be credited to such reserve fund. For the purposes of this section, "property or casualty losses and employee retirement benefits" shall include, but not be limited to, (A) motor vehicle liability, physical damage and collision, (B) loss or damage to, or legal liability for, real or personal property, (C) legal liability for personal injuries or deaths, including but not limited to, workers' compensation and heart and hypertension, and (D) retiree health and life benefits.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Statement of Purpose:
To make technical corrections.

[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.]