

HOUSE BILL 725

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Collection of Debts Owed to Housing**
3 **Authorities – Central Collection Unit**

4 FOR the purpose of permitting the Central Collection Unit to assume responsibility for
5 the collection of a delinquent account or debt that is owed to a housing authority
6 in Washington County under certain circumstances; providing that for purposes
7 of debt collection by the Central Collection Unit a housing authority in
8 Washington County is a unit of the State; providing for the termination of this
9 Act; and generally relating to permitting the Central Collection Unit to collect
10 debts owed to housing authorities in Washington County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement
13 Section 3–302
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

19 3–302.

20 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section or in
21 other law, the Central Collection Unit is responsible for the collection of each

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 delinquent account or other debt that is owed to the State or any of its officials or
2 units.

3 (2) An official or unit of the State government shall refer to the
4 Central Collection Unit each debt for which the Central Collection Unit has collection
5 responsibility under this subsection and may not settle the debt.

6 (3) For the purposes of this subtitle, **EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A**
7 **UNIT OF THE STATE:**

8 (I) a community college or board of trustees for a community
9 college established or operating under Title 16 of the Education Article [is a unit of the
10 State.]; **AND**

11 (II) **A HOUSING AUTHORITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

12 (b) Unless, with the approval of the Secretary, a unit of the State
13 government assigns the claim to the Central Collection Unit, the Central Collection
14 Unit is not responsible for and may not collect:

15 (1) any taxes;

16 (2) any child support payment that is owed under Article 88A, § 48 of
17 the Code;

18 (3) any unemployment insurance contribution or overpayment;

19 (4) any fine;

20 (5) any court costs;

21 (6) any forfeiture on bond;

22 (7) any money that is owed as a result of a default on a loan that the
23 Department of Business and Economic Development or the Department of Housing
24 and Community Development has made or insured; or

25 (8) any money that is owed under Title 9, Subtitles 2, 3, and 4 and
26 Title 20 of the Insurance Article.

27 (c) The Central Collection Unit shall be responsible for the collection of each
28 delinquent account or other debt that is owed to a community college established or

1 operating under Title 16 of the Education Article if the board of trustees for the
2 community college:

3 (1) adopts a resolution appointing the Central Collection Unit as the
4 collector of delinquent accounts or other debt; and

5 (2) submits the resolution to the Central Collection Unit.

6 **(D) THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT MAY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY**
7 **FOR THE COLLECTION OF EACH DELINQUENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER DEBT THAT**
8 **IS OWED TO A HOUSING AUTHORITY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IF THE**
9 **COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY:**

10 (1) **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CENTRAL**
11 **COLLECTION UNIT AS THE COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS OR OTHER**
12 **DEBT; AND**

13 (2) **SUBMIT THE RESOLUTION TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION**
14 **UNIT.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of
17 September 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
18 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.