

CHAPTER 608

(House Bill 311)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, subsection (c) of Section 1575A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1953 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Washington Suburban Sanitary District," AS SAID SECTION WAS LAST AMENDED BY CHAPTER 609 OF THE ACTS OF 1961, relating to the authority of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission with respect to water supply and sewage collection and disposal systems in any area in Prince George's County not within the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That subsection (c) of Section 1575A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1953 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County," subtitle "Washington Suburban Sanitary District," AS SAID SECTION WAS LAST AMENDED BY CHAPTER 609 OF THE ACTS OF 1961," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

(c) Upon the completion of any such project the individual, firm or corporation constructing the same shall file with said Commission as a permanent record a certified copy of the plans in full, showing the work as built, and such record shall be of such character and such forms as may be prescribed by the Commission. Any water supply, sewage collection and disposal system, including oxidation ponds or sewage lagoons, for the construction, alteration or extension of which a permit is required under this section, and is not exempt from the requirements for a permit pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, shall be installed, maintained and operated under such rules and regulations as the Commission may require or devise. The Commission is authorized and directed to make inspections of the operations of all such projects and to require the owners or operators thereof to maintain and operate them in compliance with the Commission's requirements and with due regard to public health, safety and comfort. *The Commission is authorized to fix and collect from the owners or operators of such systems a reasonable fee for its supervision and inspection. Whenever an owner or operator of such system fails or refuses to make any correction or fails or refuses to maintain and operate the system in compliance with the Commission's requirements, the Commission may make the correction or, if necessary, take over for so long a period as may be necessary for the operation of the system, and collect the costs therefor from the owners or operators.* ; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHERE A MUNICIPALITY OWNS OR OPERATES SUCH A SYSTEM AND PERFORMS, OR HAS PERFORMED FOR IT, BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL ANALYSES BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, AS APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION, AND FILES MONTHLY REPORTS OF SUCH ANALYSES WITH THE SAID COMMISSION SHOWING THAT SATISFACTORY OPERATING CONDITIONS CURRENTLY EXIST IN THAT SYSTEM, THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT BE