

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY, MINES AND WATER RESOURCES

Chapter 508—Acts of 1941.

Director, Edward B. Matthews, Johns Hopkins University—Baltimore

Commission:

Arthur B. Stewart.....	1942.....	Baltimore, Md.
Holmes D. Baker.....	1946.....	Frederick, Md.
Harry R. Hall.....	1945.....	Hyattsville, Md.
Dr. L. B. Broughton.....	1943.....	University of Md.
Joseph C. Lore.....	1944.....	Solomon's Island, Md.

The Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources is hereby created, to supersede the present State Geological and Economic Survey Advisory Commission, the Bureau of Mines, the Water Front Commission, and the Water Resources Commission, and take over all the personnel powers and duties exercised by those agencies. The Department shall be under the direction of a Commission which shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor from among the citizens of the State, with character and ability and active interest in the proper development, use and conservation of such resources. The members shall select their own Chairman. Their term of office shall be five years from June 1, 1941, but of those first appointed one shall serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. The members shall receive no compensation for their services.

The present State Geologist shall become Director of the Department, but upon his death, removal or resignation the Director shall be appointed by the Commission in accordance with the Merit System.

There shall also be attached to said Department a Bureau of Mines, headed by a Chief Mine Engineer, who shall have charge of the activities of that Department.

The Commission shall exercise general supervision over all matters pertaining to:

1. The conduct of topographic, geologic, hydrographic, and magnetic surveys.
2. The preparation of topographic, geologic and other types of maps to meet specific needs.
3. The preparation of reports on the extent and character of the State's mineral and water resources
4. The inspection, sanitation, ventilation, and safe-guarding of mine operations.
5. The examination of applicants for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses.
6. The control, as far as practicable, of the appropriation or use of surface and underground waters of the State, and the control of the construction and repairs of reservoirs, dams and waterway obstructions.
7. The investigation and recommendation of plans and policies for the protection of the waterfront and waterways of the State against erosion, and the cooperation necessary for carrying into