

CHAPTER 520.

(House Bill 411)

AN ACT to authorize the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to regulate the construction of underground or overhead public utilities, to fix a charge for a permit, and to relieve the Commission from supervision and payment of inspection fees under the State Forestry Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, in addition to the authority over the construction and location of underground construction within the Sanitary District, shall have the authority to regulate the construction of any overhead lines, poles, or other public utilities construction within said District, along any State or County road, or street or alley, within said District, and no person, corporation, or firm shall erect any pole or other structure for the purpose of carrying wires overhead without first having obtained a permit from said Commission. Said Commission may require the filing of plans with it of such location or construction, and may charge a reasonable fee for such permit. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor, punishable under Section 21 of Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1918, codified as Section 1011 of Article 16 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is hereby given authority to make a reasonable charge for a permit and for such engineering services as it is required to perform under the provision of Section 20 of Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1918, codified as Section 1010, Article 17, of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (Flack Edition of 1930).

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is hereby exempted from the payment of any fees or charges under the State Forestry Act, Sections 22 and 23 of Article 39A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1943.

Approved May 6, 1943.