

"Water Resources", to be under sub-title "Well Drillers", said new sections to be known as Sections 18-38, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 17 of said Article, relating to the licensing of well drillers and the supervision of drilling, coring, boring, digging or otherwise constructing wells for water and other purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That twenty-one new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 96B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Water Resources", to be under sub-title "Well Drillers", said new sections to be known as Sections 18-38, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 17 of said Article, and to read as follows:

18. The Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, hereinafter called Department, in furtherance of its general powers of supervision over the natural resources of the State and their conservation for public use and in furtherance of its specific responsibilities for the proper conservation, allocation and development of the underground waters of the State is hereby authorized and empowered to make effective the provisions of this sub-title and to adopt such rules and regulations as may be proper for this purpose; provided, however, that nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to deny to any municipality, county, or other political sub-division of the State the right to adopt and enforce such additional rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions hereof, nor shall anything in this sub-title be construed to limit the powers of the State Board of Health or of any other State agency having jurisdiction of and supervision over the public and potable water supplies of the State. The rules and regulations so adopted may recognize a variation in the primary use of wells and a variation according to locality in the manner of construction and of the materials penetrated.

19. No person shall hereafter be in responsible charge of well drilling until he shall have received a license as a well driller from the Department.

20. The Department is hereby authorized and empowered to grant and issue licenses to persons desiring or intending to engage in the trade, business or calling of well driller within the boundaries of the State in the manner and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided.

21. The Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to prescribe, amend and enforce rules and regulations