

to 405Q, inclusive, and providing for the planning, acquisition, reconstruction, improvement, betterment, extension, operation and maintenance of sewerage facilities by any city or town; authorizing and regulating the issuance of revenue bonds for financing such undertakings; and providing for the payment of such bonds and the rights of the holders thereof; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 31 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1956 Cumulative Supp.) title "Corporations—Municipal" sub-title "Creation of Municipal Public Debt", providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Section 31 relating generally to the creation of municipal public debts that municipal corporations shall also have the authority to exercise all powers conferred upon them by sections 405A to 405Q, inclusive, of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Municipal Corporations"; and providing MUNICIPAL", SUB-TITLE "HOME RULE", SUB-HEADING "CREATION OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEBT", RELATING TO THE BORROWING POWER OF MUNICIPALITIES AND GRANTING TO SUCH MUNICIPALITIES AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE POWERS CONFERRED BY SECTIONS 405A TO 405Q, INCLUSIVE, HEREBY ENACTED, AND GRANTING TO SUCH MUNICIPALITIES, IN ADDITION THERETO, CERTAIN POWERS OF BORROWING CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 43 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND BY ENLARGING THE RESTRICTIVE CROSS-REFERENCE TO CERTAIN SECTIONS OF SAID ARTICLE 43; AND PROVIDING generally for the improvement of public sanitary facilities by municipal corporations acting alone or by mutual agreement to improve and protect the public health and to abate, prevent or reduce the pollution of the rivers, waters, and streams of this State and for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this Act for that purpose.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That seventeen new sections be added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Municipal Corporations", said new sections to follow section 405 and to be known as sections 405A to 405Q, inclusive, and to read as follows:

*405A (Definition of words and phrases)*

*(a) The term "Sewerage facilities" shall mean plants, properties, works, systems or facilities, or any part thereof, used or useful in connection with the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage, waste, garbage and storm water.*

*(b) The term "municipality" shall include any city or town incorporated under the laws of this State.*

*(c) The term "governing body" shall include bodies and boards, by whatsoever names they may be known, having charge of the finances of a municipality.*

*405B (Declaration of Policy) It is hereby declared to be the policy of this State that to provide benefits to the public health and welfare by the abatement, prevention or reduction of pollution of the rivers, waters and streams of this State, any municipality planning, acquiring, purchasing, constructing, reconstructing, improving, bettering or extending sewerage facilities pursuant to this Act, shall*