

empowering the Commission to make application for, receive and accept any federal, state, county, private or other grants for or in aid of such facilities.

WHEREAS, the Upper Potomac River Commission was created by Chapter 409 of the Acts of 1935 for the purpose of regulating the flow of water in the Upper Potomac River, and

WHEREAS, said Commission has caused to be constructed and is operating the Savage River Dam and is thereby regulating the flow of water in the Upper Potomac River, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with regulating the flow of said River, it is deemed advisable and desirable that said Commission reduce pollution in the Upper Potomac River by constructing, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, maintaining and operating facilities for the treatment and disposal of sewage, industrial and other wastes in the Luke-Westernport area and any area contiguous thereto or in the vicinity thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that thirteen new sections be and the same hereby are added to Article I of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled "Allegany County", as said Article I was codified by the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County (1955 Edition), said new sections to be under the sub-title "Upper Potomac River District", to be known as Sections 563A to 563M, to follow immediately after Section 563, and to read as follows:*

*563A. Sewage and Waste Treatment Facilities Authorized. In addition to the power and authority hereinbefore and otherwise conferred upon it, the Commission is empowered and authorized to reduce pollution in the Upper Potomac River by constructing, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, maintaining and operating facilities for the treatment and disposal of sewage, industrial and other wastes in the Luke-Westernport area and any area contiguous thereto or in the vicinity thereof. In this connection the Commission is hereby granted, shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient for constructing, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, maintaining and operating such facilities, including the following rights and powers:*

*(1) To acquire by gift, purchase or the exercise of the right of eminent domain lands or rights in land or water rights in connection therewith; provided, however, that no property or any interest or estate therein owned by any county, city, town or other political subdivision of the State shall be acquired by the exercise of the power of eminent domain without the consent of the governing body of such county, city, town or political sub-division;*

*(2) To contract on such terms as it may deem proper with any municipality, county, corporation, individual or public authority, including any municipality or public authority of any adjoining State, for the construction, purchase or acquisition, maintenance and operation of the facilities, which maintenance and operation may be by contract or lease for revenues that will pay the cost of the facilities as hereinafter defined;*

*(3) To contract on such terms as it may deem proper with any municipality, county, corporation, individual or public authority,*