

*any person convicted thereof before a trial magistrate or another court of proper jurisdiction shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars or more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment of not less than thirty or more than ninety days, or both.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved April 28, 1959.

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## CHAPTER 588

(Senate Bill 366)

AN ACT to add fifty new sections to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "County Commissioners", said new sections to be known as Sections 169 to 218 of said Article, to follow immediately after Section 168 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Public Watershed Associations", authorizing the "County Commissioners", and "County Councils" of the State and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to provide for the planning and carrying out of works of improvement for flood prevention or the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water in watershed and sub-watershed areas and for cooperating with local, county, State and Federal agencies in carrying out the provisions of the act by establishing Public Watershed Associations and prescribing the duties and functions of said associations, and pertaining generally to watershed areas of the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That fifty new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "County Commissioners", said new sections to be known as Sections 169 to 218 of this Article, to follow immediately after Section 168 thereof and to be under the new sub-title "Public Watershed Associations", and all to read as follows:*

### *Public Watershed Associations*

*169(a). The Board of County Commissioners or the County Council of the several counties of Maryland, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, shall have jurisdiction, power, and authority to establish Public Watershed Associations in their respective counties or Baltimore City for the purpose of carrying out works of improvement for flood prevention or the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water in watershed or sub-watershed areas including but not limited to flood protection, storage of water, adequate drainage facilities, and the protection of areas subject to sediment or erosion damages, and to cooperate with local, county, State, and Federal agencies; and it is hereby declared that such flood prevention or the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water is a public benefit and conducive to the public health, safety, and welfare.*