

to revise provisions for making a shellfish population survey in Talbot County waters.”

*Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.*

House Bill No. 13—By The Anne Arundel County Delegation:

A Bill entitled “An Act to add a new Chapter 6A, title ‘Drainage,’ to the Code of Public Local Laws of Anne Arundel County (1957 Edition), being Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title ‘Anne Arundel County,’ such new Chapter 6-A consisting of Sections 6A-1 to 6A-16, inclusive, to follow immediately after Chapter 6, title ‘Courts,’ of said Code; authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County to maintain and operate a storm water or surface water drainage system and in conjunction therewith to have and exercise the power of condemnation; authorizing and empowering said County Commissioners to prepare a general plan for the control and disposition of surface waters in Anne Arundel County; defining and creating the Patapsco Drainage Area as and for a special taxing district; authorizing the construction of storm water or surface water drainage systems in the drainage area so established; authorizing and empowering said County Commissioners to borrow money and issue general obligation, serial maturity coupon bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of such storm water or surface water drainage systems; empowering said County Commissioners to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or method of arriving at the same, terms, including redemption and registration provisions, conditions, maturities and all other details incident or necessary to the issuance, public sale and delivery of said bonds, without reference to any other law heretofore enacted; prescribing the method and manner of selling said bonds at public sale; empowering said County Commissioners, subject to certain limitations, to sell said bonds at, above or below the par value thereof; empowering said County Commissioners to refund any of said bonds purchased or redeemed in advance of maturity; empowering and directing said County Commissioners to apply to the payment of principal and interest of said bonds and said refunding bonds any funds received from the State of Maryland and the United States of America, which may be properly allocable to said purpose; authorizing and empowering said County Commissioners to levy a special assessment to be known as a drainage system assessment to be imposed on benefited property within the Patapsco Drainage Area and to levy a special ad valorem tax within the Patapsco Drainage Area, the proceeds of such drainage system assessment and special ad valorem tax to be together the primary source for the payment of the principal of and interest on bonds issued pursuant to said Chapter; empowering and directing said County Commissioners to contract to levy and to levy, impose and collect annually ad valorem taxes on all the assessable property within Anne Arundel County which, in addition to the State and Federal allotments, if any, the drainage system assessments and the special ad valorem taxes, will provide funds sufficient for the payment of said maturing principal and interest; exempting said bonds and said refunding bonds and the interest thereon from all State, county and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland; authorizing the County Commissioners to reimburse, from proceeds of the sale of bonds, the general funds and surplus funds of Anne Arundel County for any monies advanced in connection with the planning and