

water works; to require the examination of ~~operators~~ SUPERINTENDENTS and to certify their competency to supervise the operation of such works; to prescribe the powers and duties of the State Health Commissioner and the Director of the Department of Water Resources in these matters; to authorize the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Water Resources Commission to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; to create a Board of Certification and to prescribe penalties for violations of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 406A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health", subtitle "Water, Ice and Sewerage", to follow immediately after Section 406 thereof, and to read as follows :*

406A.

*(a) It is the intention of the General Assembly in the enactment of this Section to establish a certification program for ~~operators~~ SUPERINTENDENTS of water works, wastewater works and industrial wastewater works so as to further protect the public health and the quality of the waste-receiving waters, and to prevent pollution.*

*(b) For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:*

*"Water works" shall mean those facilities used in the procurement, treatment, storage, pumping or distribution of water for human consumption. It shall not include any facility used exclusively by a private residence.*

*"Wastewater works" shall mean those facilities used in the collection, transmission, storage, pumping, treatment or discharge of any liquid or water-borne waste, whether it be either of domestic origin or a combination of domestic, commercial and/or industrial waste. It shall not include any facility used exclusively by a private residence nor any facility utilizing septic tanks and subsoil absorption nor industrial wastewater works.*

*"Industrial wastewater works" shall mean those facilities used in the collection, transmission, storage, pumping, treatment or discharge of any liquid, ~~gaseous~~, solid or other waste substance or any combination thereof resulting from any process of industry, manufacturing, trade or business, or from the development of any natural resource.*

*"Responsible charge" shall mean responsible for the ~~technical operation~~ DAY-BY-DAY SUPERVISION of a water works, wastewater works, or an industrial wastewater works, or any part thereof, which may affect the performance of the works or which may affect the quality of the water for human consumption or the quality of the effluent produced by such works.*

*"~~Operator~~" "SUPERINTENDENT" shall mean an individual employed or appointed by any county, sanitary district, municipality, corporation, company, institution, person, or the State of Maryland who is designated by the employing or appointing officials as the person in responsible charge of the actual operation of a water*