

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is authorized by the Water Supply Act of 1958, Title III, approved 3 July 1958 (Public Law 85-500, 85th Congress, 2nd Session, 72 Stat. 297, as amended by the Act of 16 October 1963, Public Law 88-140, 88th Congress, 1st Session, 77 Stat. 249) to include storage in any reservoir project to be constructed by the Corps of Engineers to impound water for present or anticipated future demand or need for municipal or industrial water; and

WHEREAS, the State is unable to contract directly with the Federal Government with respect to the project on the terms proposed by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, It is the purpose of this Act to provide an instrumentality which will be able to contract with the Federal Government to provide the non-federal cost share of the project and to allocate the costs thereof among the beneficiaries of the project in a manner most equitable and just; now, therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 89 to 104 inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Water Resources," to follow immediately after Section 88 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Maryland Potomac Water Authority," and all to read as follows:

Maryland Potomac Water Authority

89. Definitions.

- (a) "Authority" means *Maryland Potomac Water Authority.*
- (b) "Department" means *Department of Water Resources.*
- (c) "Federal Government" means *the United States of America or any governmental agency thereof.*
- (d) "Potomac River" means *the main stem and North Branch of the Potomac River and its tributaries in those reaches below the augmented average flow surface level of the main stem and North Branch.*
- (e) "Project" means *a federally constructed dam, reservoir, and appurtenances on the North Branch of the Potomac River, commonly referred to as the Bloomington Dam Project.*
- (f) "Represented Counties" means *those counties enumerated in this subtitle as being within the District.*
- (g) "User" means *any individual, partnership, association, corporation, municipality, governmental body, or other entity, public or private, which uses or utilizes water from the Potomac River for whatever purpose, and without regard to whether or not that water is consumed, altered, or replaced.*
- (h) "Non-Maryland User" means *a user not assessable by a represented county.*
- (i) "initial cost" means *that portion of the water supply costs of the project which non-federal entities must contract to repay prior*