

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 26A be and it is hereby added to Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Pollution Abatement," to follow immediately after Section 26 thereof, and to read as follows:

**26A.**

*The responsibility of eliminating the residue of an oil spillage* THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A PROGRAM, INCLUDING TRAINING, WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE STATE TO RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY OIL SPILLAGE IN MARYLAND WATERS *is that of the Maryland Port Authority in the Baltimore Harbor area and of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs in other waters of the State. These agencies shall coordinate the efforts of the various State and local agencies aiding in the operation and request the aid of the appropriate Federal agencies if necessary.*

**26B.**

THE MARYLAND PORT AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHESAPEAKE BAY AFFAIRS SHALL CHARGE AND COLLECT A COMPENSATORY FEE FROM THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OIL SPILLAGE. THIS FEE SHALL COVER THE COST OF LABOR, EQUIPMENT OPERATION, AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE THE RESIDUE OF OIL SPILLAGE AND SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE AGENCY CHARGING THE FEE.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.

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CHAPTER 413  
(House Bill 50)

AN ACT to repeal Section 15 of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Appropriation of Waters; Reservoirs and Dams," and to enact new Section 15 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, to provide for the hearings on applications for appropriation of State waters or construction of reservoirs, dams or waterway obstructions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 15 of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Appropriation of Waters; Reservoirs and Dams," be and it is hereby repealed; and that new Section 15 be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, and to read as follows: