

approved by the United States Government; and to require in all instances, and without exception, all students and the teacher ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS *in charge to stand and face the flag and while so standing render the AN approved salute, as aforesaid, followed immediately, while so saluting and standing, by a recitation in unison of* AND RECITE IN UNISON *the pledge of allegiance as follows: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all". Any student may be excused from participating in these opening and particular exercises upon the written request of the parent or guardian; however, the teacher in charge shall not for any reason be excused from participating in* CONDUCTING *these particular exercises and, in addition to the above required exercises, the* ANY PUPIL OR TEACHER, FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS, MAY BE EXCUSED FROM ACTUALLY REPEATING THE WORDS OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND FROM GIVING ANY FORM OF HAND SALUTE. ANY PERSON, HOWEVER, WHO MAY COMMIT AN ACT OF DISRESPECT, EITHER BY WORD OR ACTION, SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE INTENT OF THIS ACT. THE *said boards of education may provide* such other patriotic exercises from time to time as may be deemed by them to be expedient, and under such regulations and instruction as may best meet the various requirements of the different grades in such schools; all to the end that the love of liberty and democracy, signified in the devotion of all true and patriotic Americans to their flag and to their country, shall be instilled in the hearts and minds of the youth of America.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 26, 1970.

CHAPTER 738

(House Bill 77)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 15(a) of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Appropriation of Waters; Reservoirs and Dams," to provide FOR SETTING the date of hearing for certain permits issued by the Department of Water Resources and for the manner of advertising such hearing.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 15(a) of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Appropriation of Waters; Reservoirs and Dams," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows: