

Declaration of Rights of the Maryland Constitution. IN ADDITION THERETO, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT THE APPROVAL OF THE CONVEYANCE OF ANY SUCH LAND FOR WHICH APPLICATION FOR CONVEYANCE WAS MADE AND APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1970.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not deprive any riparian owner or proprietor of any riparian rights, privilege or enjoyment that he had prior to July 1, 1970.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not affect the provisions of SECTION 15A and 15B of the Code of the Public Local Laws of Worcester County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 22, 1970

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CHAPTER 243

(House Bill 882)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 23 through 29, inclusive, of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1969 Cumulative Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Pollution Abatement" and to enact new Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 28A, 28B, 29, 29A, 29B, 29C and 29D to stand in the place of the sections repealed, generally revising the Pollution Abatement Subtitle of the Water Resources Law of this State and relating generally to the powers, duties, functions and procedures of the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Natural Resources regarding water quality, the control, prevention and abatement of water pollution, the preservation and protection of natural resources and the enforcement of water quality and pollution abatement laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 23 through 29, inclusive, of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1969 Cumulative Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Pollution Abatement," be and they are hereby replaced and that new Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 28A, 28B, 29, 29A, 29B, 29C and 29D be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the Sections so repealed and to read as follows:

23.

*Whereas the quality of the waters of this State is vital to the public and private interests of its citizens; and*

*Whereas pollution constitutes a menace to public health and welfare, creates public nuisances, is harmful to wildlife, fish and aquatic life, and impairs domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational and other legitimate beneficial uses of water; and*