

protected by such erosion control project where the owner or owners of the land have rights of access to the land immediately abutting such waters and where said owner or owners are parties to the agreement referred to in subsection 758A(a).

(d) The costs of maintenance of shore erosion control projects shall be the sole responsibility of the benefited property owner or owners. The Department of Natural Resources shall periodically inspect such projects and recommend to the property owners any measures that are required to maintain the project.

(e) The Department of Natural Resources shall actively seek to obtain from the Federal government any funds available for shore erosion control projects.

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The Department of Natural Resources shall include annually in its budget request funds required to provide and maintain shore erosion protection for State-owned properties.

SEC. 8 6. *And be it further enacted, That the powers, authority, duties, and functions vested in the Department of Natural Resources by the provisions of this Act, shall be performed and exercised by the Secretary of Natural Resources or by such agency and officials within the Department of Natural Resources as may be designated by the Secretary.*

SEC. 9 7. *And be it further enacted, That if any part of this act, or any section or part of the section thereof, shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of this Act, or any section or part of a section hereof, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed the remaining parts of this act, or sections or parts of sections hereof, if such unconstitutionality or invalidity had been known; and to this end, all parts, sections, and parts of sections of this act are declared to be severable.*

SEC. 10 8. *And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.*

SEC. 11 9. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.*

Approved April 22, 1970

CHAPTER 246

(Senate Bill 634)

AN ACT relating to the Water Quality Loan Act of 1968, to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5 of Chapter 445 of the Acts of 1968, as amended by Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1969; to reallocate the use of the proceeds of the Water Quality Loan of 1968 by increasing the share allocated for construction grants for