

*The Fish and Wildlife Commission shall be part of the Fish and Wildlife Administration. The Fish and Wildlife Commission shall have the powers, duties, responsibilities and functions provided in the laws of this State for the Game and Inland Fish Commission except for those powers and duties transferred to the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Administration pursuant to Section 113 (f) of this subtitle. All references in this Code, in any other laws of this State, or in ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, legal actions, directives, or documents to the Game and Inland Fish Commission shall be deemed to mean the Fish and Wildlife Commission. From and after July 1, 1970, all rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions heretofore conferred upon or exercised by the Game and Inland Fish Commission shall be transferred to and be exercised by the Fish and Wildlife Commission, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources as set forth in Sections 233, 234 and 235 of Article 41 or elsewhere in this Code, and subject to the provisions of Section 113 (f) of this subtitle.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That Section 83 (a), Section 83 (b), Section 83 (d), Section 83 (e) and Section 85 (d) of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1964 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Well Drillers," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:*

83.

(a) Created.—*There is hereby created the Maryland State Board of Well Drillers. The Maryland State Board of Well Drillers shall be part of the State Department of Natural Resources.*

(b) Composition; appointment and terms of members; chairman; vacancies.—*The Board shall be comprised of seven (7) members appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, with the approval of the Governor, for terms of two (2) years [with the advice and consent of the Senate]. Of the seven appointments, one shall represent the Eastern Shore which shall comprise the counties of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester; one shall represent central Maryland which shall comprise the counties of Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard and Montgomery and Baltimore City; one shall represent southern Maryland which shall comprise the counties of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's; and one shall represent western Maryland which shall comprise the counties of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington. The regional appointments shall be licensed well drillers and be actively engaged at the time of their appointment in the well-drilling business in the State. The remaining three (3) members of the Board shall be appointed by the [Governor] Secretary of Natural Resources WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR as follows: one (1) from the public at large, who shall serve as chairman of the Board; one (1) from the Department of Water Resources; and one (1) from environmental health services, Department of Health. In the event of a vacancy the Secretary of Natural Resources, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. All persons who are members of the Maryland State Board of Well Drillers as of June 30, 1970, shall continue to serve as members thereafter until the expiration of the terms to which they were appointed.*