

legislatures of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and by the Congress on behalf of the United States and the District of Columbia. The compact shall be signed and sealed in seven (7) identical original copies by the respective chief executives of the signatories. One such copy shall be filed with the Secretary of State of the signatories or in accordance with the laws of the signatory in which the filing is made, and one copy shall be filed and retained in the archives of the Commission upon its organization.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 407 and 408 of Article 43 of the Code, (1965 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Water, Ice and Sewerage," be and they are hereby repealed, so that in accordance with the provisions of Section 15.15 of the Potomac River Basin Compact enacted by Section 2 of this Act, the compact establishing the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin is repealed, and any interests of the State of Maryland in said Commission and its assets are authorized to be transferred to the Potomac River Basin Commission.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That subject to other provisions in this Act covering the application and effect of the Potomac River Basin Compact, particularly those in Section 126 (15.21 thereof), this Act, except for Section 3 hereof, shall take effect on July 1, 1971. The provisions of Section 3 of this Act shall take effect at the times and on the occurrence of the events specified in Section 15.15 of the compact enacted by Section 2 hereof.

Approved April 23, 1971.

CHAPTER 31

(Senate Bill 540)

AN ACT to add new Sections 763 through 768, inclusive, to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," subheading "Department of Natural Resources," to follow immediately after Section 762 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Power Plant Siting," to establish an Environmental Trust Fund from a surcharge on generated kilowatts KILOWATT HOURS of electric energy to be used to underwrite a power plant environmental research and site evaluation program and to insure long-range and timely planning for power plant site selection and acquisition, to strengthen the State of Maryland's capability to define and manage a power plant environmental research program, to provide for the exercise of eminent domain and potential power plant site ownership by the Secretary of Natural Resources, and to exempt from local zoning certain sites; to add new Section 5A to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Natural Resources," subtitle "In General," subheading "Department of Natural Resources," to assign responsibility to the Secretary of Natural Resources on applications to the Public Service Commission for certificates of public convenience and necessity associated with power plant construction; to repeal and re-enact Section 706 of Article 43 of the Anno-