SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 628

(House Bill 1348)

AN ACT to add new Section 143A to St. Mary's County Code (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," to be under the new subtitle "Plumbing Code," and to follow immediately after Section 143 thereof; to provide that the St. Mary's County Commissioners have certain powers in regard to a county plumbing code, concerning administration of the code Hand delegation of authority. 11; to provide for power to appoint a plumbing board and to budget funds for expenses therefore and to provide that this Act is an emergency measure.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 143A is hereby added to St. Mary's County Code (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," to be under the new subtitle "Plumbing Code," and to follow immediately after Section 143 thereof, and to read as follows:

143A. PLUMBING CODE.

- (A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY HAVE THE POWER TO ADOPT, AMEND AND REPEAL RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO A COUNTY PLUMBING CODE.
- (B) IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLUMBING CODE, STATE STANDARDS SHALL BE UTILIZED AS MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.
- (C) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY IMAY DELEGATE AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SECTION. II SHALL APPOINT A PLUMBING BOARD AND BUDGET FUNDS FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED BY BOARD MEMBERS.

[[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.]]

SECTION 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 21, 1973.