

AND THINGS AUTHORIZED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AND IT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECT THE PURPOSES OF IT. HOWEVER, NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE TAKEN AS RESTRICTING ANY CONTROL WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE OR THE STATE WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION IS EMPOWERED TO EXERCISE OVER OR WITHIN ST. MARY'S COUNTY OR ANY SANITARY DISTRICT.

(B) VALIDATION OF PRIOR PROCEEDINGS. NOTHING CONTAINED IN ANY AMENDMENT TO THIS SUBTITLE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1976, SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS IMPAIRING THE VALIDITY OF ANY PROCEEDINGS OR ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE PRIOR TO THAT DATE. ALL SUCH PROCEEDINGS TAKEN UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING (WITHOUT LIMITATION) THE CREATION AND ENLARGEMENT OF ANY SANITARY DISTRICTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPOSITION OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES (WHETHER PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE ALONE OR PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 427A OF ARTICLE 43) ARE RATIFIED, VALIDATED AND CONFIRMED. THE AUTHORIZATION, SALE AND ISSUANCE OF ALL BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES ISSUED PRIOR TO THAT DATE BY THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION ARE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, AND ALL SUCH BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES ARE VALIDATED AS BEING VALIDLY AUTHORIZED, SOLD AND ISSUED.

(C) VALIDATION OF ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES. THE DETERMINATION AND IMPOSITION OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES BY THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION SINCE ITS CREATION ARE EXPRESSLY RATIFIED, VALIDATED AND CONFIRMED, INCLUDING (WITHOUT LIMITATION) THOSE SCHEDULES OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES DETERMINED, IMPOSED AND PLACED IN EFFECT ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

MATTAPANY SANITARY DISTRICT	JANUARY 9, 1969
	OCTOBER 1, 1970
	JULY 1, 1971
PINE HILL RUN SANITARY DISTRICT	
NO. 8	OCTOBER 1, 1973
	JULY 1, 1975
LEONARDTOWN SANITARY DISTRICT	
NO. 3	JULY 1, 1975
INDIAN CREEK SANITARY DISTRICT	
NO. 10	JULY 1, 1975
LUCKLAND RUN SANITARY DISTRICT	
NO. 1	JANUARY 1, 1976

(D) TRANSITION. IN THE EVENT THAT THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO EXERCISE POWERS GRANTED BY SECTION 427A OF ARTICLE 43 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF [[MARYLAD]] MARYLAND, THE COMMISSION MAY NEVERTHELESS EXERCISE ANY AND ALL POWERS GRANTED BY THIS SUBTITLE ON AND AFTER JUNE 1, 1976, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THE PART OF THE COMMISSION EXCEPT THOSE ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE. IN THE EVENT THAT THE