

Approved May 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 549

(Senate Bill 1154)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Geothermal Resources Act

FOR the purpose of creating the Maryland Geothermal Resources Act; defining terms; expressing legislative findings; specifying the powers and duties of the Department of Natural Resources in this matter; making provision for certain exploratory permits and permits to appropriate or use geothermal resources; requiring certain bonds to be filed with the Department; making provision for judicial review of actions taken on applications; providing penalties; and generally dealing with geothermal resources.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 8-8A-01 through 8-8A-09, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8A. Maryland Geothermal Resources Act"

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

SUBTITLE 8A. MARYLAND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ACT

8-8A-01. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL - IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CONSTRUCTION" MEANS ANY CLEARING, GRADING, EXCAVATION, BUILDING, OR THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

(C) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(D) "EXPLORATORY ACTIVITIES" MEANS ANY ACTIVITY INVOLVING THE DRILLING OF TEST WELLS FOR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES.