

exceeding \$50 for the first offense, and for each succeeding offense is fined not exceeding \$100 or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than 30 days or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

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CHAPTER 555

(Senate Bill 1184)

AN ACT concerning

Potomac River - Low Flow Allocation in Defined Portion

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor and the Secretary of Natural Resources to sign on behalf of the State a binding and enforceable agreement with the Secretary of the Army, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the Fairfax County Water Authority, and the District of Columbia, providing an enforceable schedule for allocation among the parties to such agreement for the withdrawal of the waters of that portion of the Potomac River located between Little Falls Dam and the farthest upstream limit of the pool of water behind the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company rubble dam at Seneca, Maryland during periods of low flow in that portion of the River; providing for an "environmental flow by" maintaining environmental conditions and balancing such needs against essential human, industrial, and domestic requirements for water; and authorizing the Governor and Secretary of Natural Resources to sign any subsequent amendments to the agreement mutually agreed upon by the United States, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor and Secretary of Natural Resources may sign on behalf of the State the Potomac Low Flow Allocation Agreement, agreed to in principle by the Secretary of the Army, the State, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the Fairfax County Water Authority, and the District of Columbia on January 11, 1978, providing an enforceable schedule for allocation among the parties to such agreement for the withdrawal of the waters of that portion of the Potomac River located between Little Falls Dam and the farthest upstream limit of the pool of water behind the Chesapeake