CHAPTER 586

(Fouse Bill 285)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Environmental Service

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Environmental Service to include a certain impact statement in its findings as to service regions.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources Section 3-104(w) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

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 BE IT FNACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

3-104.

(W) IN MAKING PLANS, SURVEYS, STUDIES, AND INVESTIGATIONS UNDEF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SERVICE SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS FINDINGS A <u>IIS</u> STATEMENT OF THE IMPACT THAT A PROJECT MAY HAVE ON PROPERTIES IN THE SERVICE REGION THAT HAVE CULTURAL, HISTORIC, AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.

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

Approved May 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 587

(House Bill 298)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Home Absences

FOR the purpose of providing that, notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, a patient's leave of absence from an intermediate care or skilled care narsing home to visit friends or relatives or to participate in certain programs is not subject to any