

thrust of Ch. 617, Acts of 1980, is not which Department -- i.e., the Department of Natural Resources or the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene -- is responsible for the functions under present Art. 43, § 406A. However, Ch. 617, Acts of 1980, substitutes the Department of Natural Resources for the Department of Water Resources and the Water Resources Commission. There is no cross reference to Ch. 27, Acts of 1980 in Ch. 617, Acts of 1980.

Where a conflict exists between statutes, the normal rule of statutory construction is that both statutes should be given effect if reconciliation is possible, and if reconciliation is not possible then, unless there are mitigating factors, the statute enacted later in time prevails. However, in revising this title, the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code, after consulting with the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the assistant attorneys general involved in the drafting of Ch. 27, Acts of 1980, concluded that the more accurate reflection of legislative intent as to departmental responsibility is found in Ch. 27, Acts of 1980. Consequently, §§ 20-201, 20-202, 20-205, 20-301, 20-310, and 20-404 of this title have been revised to reflect the language of Ch. 27, Acts of 1980. The revision of those provisions of this title according to Ch. 27, Acts of 1980 is called to the attention of the General Assembly.

## TITLE 21. WELL DRILLERS.

### SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

#### 21-101. DEFINITIONS.

##### (A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added as the standard introductory language to a definition section.

See also § 1-101 of this article for other applicable definitions.

##### (B) BOARD.

"BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language patterned after NR § 8-601(d).

##### (C) LICENSE.

(1) "LICENSE" MEANS, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, ANY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS TITLE TO PRACTICE WELL DRILLING.