CHAPTER 909

(House Bill 1489)

AN ACT concerning

Public Drainage Associations, Public Watershed Associations, and Drainage Projects

FOR the purpose of establishing Public Drainage Associations and Watershed Drainage Associations for a certain purpose; designating the Board of Managers of a Drainage District as the Board of Managers of Public Drainage Associations; correcting certain terms that refer to water management systems and watersheds; clarifying language; exempting--certain--officers-and directors-from-personal-liability-for-certain--actions; exempting---publie---watershed---associations,---public drainage--associations, -- and -- drainage--projects---from certain--permits--issued--by--the-Department-of-Natural Researces, providing a certain immunity for certain officers and directors of a public drainage association or public watershed association; exempting certain agricultural drainage systems from permit requirements under certain conditions; changing the fine for obstructing the free flow of water in certain ditches, drains, or other improvements; and generally relating to drainage projects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners Section 52(a), 53, <u>71,</u> 87, and 91 Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 25 - County Commissioners Section 71A Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 8-803(a)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY renumbering