

Preamble

WHEREAS, Marylanders use almost 1.5 billion gallons of fresh water each day; and

WHEREAS, Drought, pollution, population growth, inadequate planning and infrastructure, and incomplete information about water sources and population growth can all threaten the quality and quantity of Maryland's water resources; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 01.01.2003.08 established the Advisory Committee on the Management and Protection of the State's Water Resources to advise and assist the State in implementing programs and policies relating to the management, development, conservation, and protection of the State's water resources; and

WHEREAS, The Committee submitted a final report to the Governor on May 28, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The Committee found that time constraints did not allow a thorough review of each subject in Executive Order 01.01.2003.08; and

WHEREAS, The Committee recommended in its final report that the State continue the Committee's comprehensive evaluation of the State's water resources, and report the evaluations at regular intervals to ensure consistency with changing demographics and resource conditions; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is an Advisory Committee on the Management and Protection of the State's Water Resources.

(b) The Committee shall consist of up to 21 members who, to the extent possible, shall be the same members who served on the committee established by Executive Order 01.01.2003.08, including:

- (1) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (2) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (3) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
- (5) The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6) The Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
- (7) The Secretary of Planning, or the Secretary's designee; and
- (8) Up to 14 members, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, including representatives of county and municipal