

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; ~~and~~

(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 government, environmental interest organizations, the agricultural and business communities, research institutions, and other individuals from the general public with relevant interest or expertise.

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House jointly shall appoint the chair from among the members of the Committee;

(d) The Committee shall ~~continue the comprehensive evaluation of the State's water resources begun by the committee established by Executive Order 01.01.2003.08, and shall perform the duties required under Executive Order 01.01.2003.08, including:~~

(1) Review the latest information from State, local, and federal agencies concerning assessments of the management and protection of the quality and quantity of the State's ground and surface water resources;