SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved May 14, 1987.

CHAPTER 578

(House Bill 1579)

AN ACT concerning

State Waterway Construction and Water Appropriation and Use Permits - Publication of Notice for Hearings

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain persons in certain counties to publish certain notices of hearings for State waterway construction permits and State water appropriation and use permits in certain newspapers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 8-806(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The expenses that are involved in providing public notices for hearings on water appropriation and use permits and permits to construct or repair reservoirs, dams, or waterway obstructions are, in certain circumstances, out of proportion to the cost of certain low-cost construction projects; and

WHEREAS, Certain counties in the State do not have a daily newspaper in which to print the required public notices for these permits; and

WHEREAS, The only daily newspapers that are available in those counties that do not have a locally-published daily newspaper may not even be read by the people in those counties; and

WHEREAS, To clarify this situation for certain counties, and to make this situation more equitable, this Act is intended to amend the current law in appropriate ways; now, therefore,