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CHAPTER 384

(House Bill 206)

AN ACT concerning

Water Appropriation or Use - Permits

FOR the purpose of removing from the State's water appropriation or use law certain exemptions for farming, municipalities appropriating water prior to a certain period, persons appropriating water prior to a certain date, and the United States or its agencies; revising certain permit exemptions for domestic and agricultural users; establishing a priority for water appropriation during water supply emergencies; revising the hearing waiver for certain minimal water users; providing a hearing waiver for certain agricultural water users; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to waive certain notice and hearing requirements for certain requested appropriation or use of waters in effect prior to a certain date; setting standards for certain water measuring and reporting requirements; exempting certain agricultural water users from certain time and correction requirements on permits; requiring the advice and consent of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture before adoption of certain regulations; and generally relating to administration of the water appropriation or use law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 8-802, 8-806(d), 8-807(b), 8-810(a), 8-811, and  
8-812  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 8-806(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 8-806(f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)