

(a) [The] EXCEPT FOR PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE APPROPRIATION OR USE OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES, THE Department shall prescribe a time limit not exceeding two years from the grant of [any] A permit, during which construction, reconstruction, or repair shall begin or appropriation or use of water shall be completed.

8-811.

The Department shall review triennially every appropriation and use of water for which a required permit is granted, to ascertain if it is being made according to quantity limitations and other conditions established by permit. UNLESS A PERMIT IS FOR THE PERIODIC APPROPRIATION OR USE OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES, [It] THE DEPARTMENT shall correct [any] A permit where the total quantity of water permitted to be appropriated and used is not used or needed.

8-812.

[(a) The provisions of this subtitle do not interfere with the exercise of jurisdiction of the United States, or its agencies, over the waters of the State.]

[(b)] The provisions of this subtitle do not amend or repeal any law relating to the Public Service Commission and Department of the Environment, relating to water and water structures, or any act or parts of acts consistent with the provisions of this subtitle. The provisions of this subtitle do not impair any riparian or other vested right, nor amend, repeal, limit, impair, or alter any right, power, or privilege granted by the General Assembly to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to appropriate or use any river, stream, or water in the State to augment and improve municipal water supply of Baltimore City. [Also, the provisions of this subtitle do not prohibit, limit, impair, or alter any particular use of any stream or body of water in existence on January 1, 1934 by any person unless the use subsequently is abandoned.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

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