

waiver of certain permitting procedures; deleting a certain obsolete provision; providing a stay procedure in certain contested cases; ~~authorizing--the--Department--of--Natural Resources--to--adopt--certain--regulations~~; establishing certain minimum and maximum criminal penalties; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to water appropriation or use and waterway permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 8-801, 8-802(a), 8-805, 8-806, and 8-814  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY-adding-to

~~Article---Natural-Resources  
Section-8-808-1  
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland  
{1983-Replacement-Volume-and-1988-Supplement}~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

8-801.

(a) In order to conserve, protect, and use water resources of the State in accordance with the best interests of the people of Maryland, it is the policy of the State to control, so far as feasible, appropriation or use of surface WATERS and [underground waters] GROUNDWATERS of the State. Also, it is State policy to promote public safety and welfare, and control and supervise so far as is feasible, construction, reconstruction, and repair of dams, reservoirs, and other waterworks in any waters of the State.

(b) This subtitle is in addition to and not in substitution for any existing laws of the State.

8-802.

(a) Every person is required to obtain a permit from the Department to appropriate or use, or begin to construct any plant, building, or structure which may appropriate or use any waters of the State, whether surface [or underground] WATER OR GROUNDWATER. The permit is obtained upon written application to the Department. ~~-f-The applicant shall provide the Department with satisfactory proof that issuing-the-permit-will-not-violate~~