

**CHAPTER 544****(House Bill 1359)**

AN ACT concerning

**Carroll County and Howard Counties – Participation in the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority**

FOR the purpose of authorizing Carroll County and Howard County to become a ~~participating county~~ participating counties in the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the participation of Carroll County and Howard County in the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 3-903(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

3-903.

(a) (1) There is hereby created a body politic and corporate to be known as the "Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority" which is constituted a public instrumentality of the State of Maryland. The exercise by the Authority of the powers conferred by this subtitle shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential public function.

(2) The Authority was organized and commenced its activities on October 21, 1980, when there were filed with the Secretary of State and the Department of Legislative Reference certified copies of the resolutions of participation of at least two of the following four counties: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, Baltimore County, Maryland, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and Harford County, Maryland.

(3) Montgomery County, Maryland, also became a participating county in the Authority by filing certified copies of a resolution of participation with the Secretary of State and the Department of Legislative Reference, whereupon Montgomery County, Maryland had all of the rights, privileges, and powers under this subtitle that the other participating counties have or may have, including the power to participate in projects and to enter into contracts with the Authority, including the contracts relating to the Authority's Southwest Resource Recovery Facility located in the City of Baltimore, in order to defray and provide for the Authority's costs of acquiring, constructing, operating, or providing a project, including debt service requirements of the Authority relating to a project.