

administrative review of certain penalties; providing for judicial review of certain penalties; requiring holders of certain well drilling apprentice licenses to comply with certain continuing education requirements; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the practice of well drilling.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment

Section 13-206, 13-308(c) and (d), 13-311(a), 13-312, and 13-505

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 13-506

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article – Environment

13-206.

(a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may adopt [rules and] regulations to carry out the provisions of this title.

(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall:

(1) Carry out the provisions of this title;

(2) Review and comment on proposed [rules and] regulations that relate to well system equipment and the construction of wells that are submitted to it before adoption by the Secretary;

(3) Collect and account for any funds received under this title;

(4) Keep a record of:

(i) Each license that it issues; and

(ii) Each action it takes under § 13-310 of this title;

(5) Require any person who practices well drilling to be covered in accordance with its [rules and] regulations by a reasonable performance bond and reasonable contractor's liability insurance; and

(6) Have an official seal.

(C) ON COMPLAINT OR ON ITS OWN MOTION, THE BOARD MAY INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF PRACTICING WELL DRILLING WITHOUT A LICENSE.