

~~resolution, law, or rule more stringent than this Act; making provisions of this Act severable; providing for the legislative intent of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the protection of waters in the Potomac River basin.~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article—Environment~~

~~Section 5-12A-01 through 5-12A-04, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 12A. Potomac River Protection Act"~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)~~

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

~~Article—Environment~~

~~SUBTITLE 12A. POTOMAC RIVER PROTECTION ACT.~~

~~5-12A-01.~~

~~IN THIS SUBTITLE, "MGD" MEANS MILLION OF GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY.~~

~~5-12A-02.~~

~~THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO:~~

~~(1) ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND IN OBTAINING THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE POTOMAC RIVER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF ITS AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER DESIGNATION; AND~~

~~(2) PRESERVE THE POTOMAC RIVER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.~~

~~5-12A-03.~~

~~(A) UNTIL STUDIES CONCERNING THE POTOMAC RIVER AND WATER RESOURCES IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA ARE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A PERSON MAY NOT:~~

~~(1) CONSTRUCT A WATER INTAKE STRUCTURE IN THE POTOMAC RIVER WITH THE CAPACITY TO WITHDRAW MORE THAN 50 MGD;~~

~~(2) BLAST THE POTOMAC RIVERBED FOR A WATER INTAKE STRUCTURE;~~

~~OR~~

~~(3) CONSTRUCT AN INTAKE STRUCTURE UNLESS THE WATER INTAKE STRUCTURE IS AT LEAST 30 INCHES BELOW THE WATER SURFACE AT THE RIVER'S HISTORIC LOW FLOW.~~

~~5-12A-04.~~

~~THE SECRETARY MAY NOT GRANT A WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO ANY PERSON TO CONSTRUCT A WATER INTAKE PIPE IN THE POTOMAC RIVER UNLESS:~~