

**CHAPTER 484**

**(Senate Bill 726)**

AN ACT concerning

**Reclaimed Water**

FOR the purpose of declaring certain State policy requiring the Department of Environment to encourage the use of reclaimed water for certain purposes; authorizing the Department to consult with the State Plumbing Board on certain matters; authorizing the use of reclaimed water for certain irrigation purposes; authorizing the Department to establish certain buffer and setback requirements for the use of reclaimed water for irrigation purposes; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the use of reclaimed water.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 9-301 and 9-302

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Environment

Section 9-303.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

**Article - Environment**

9-301.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Board" means the Water Science Advisory Board.
- (c) "Discharge permit" means a permit issued by the Department for the discharge of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the waters of this State.
- (d) "Person" includes the federal government, this State, any county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of this State, or any of their units.
- (E) "RECLAIMED WATER" MEANS SEWAGE THAT:
  - (1) HAS BEEN TREATED TO A HIGH QUALITY SUITABLE FOR VARIOUS REUSES; AND