

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

Article 19 – St. Mary’s County

113-14.

A. For the purpose of providing funds for maintaining, repairing and operating its water supply and sewerage systems, for line extensions of them, for its administrative and other expenses, including proper depreciation allowances, if any, and for interest on and the retirement of bonds as specified in this chapter, the Commission may make service rates, as it deems necessary, on water lines and sewers chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe or sewer pipe under its supervision or ownership. The rate for both water and sewer service shall be uniform throughout a sanitary district, subject to changes [as] THAT the Commission [deems to be] CONSIDERS necessary. BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 1993, THE RATE FOR BOTH WATER AND SEWER SERVICE SHALL BE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT ALL SANITARY DISTRICTS, SUBJECT TO CHANGES THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY. However, where the Commission provides service to property in an area in which it is economically not feasible to provide service at the uniform rate [provided for the sanitary district] because of the distance of the area from the principal facilities of the Commission [in such sanitary district], the Commission may classify the property as a remote area and may impose an additional service charge to meet the additional cost of providing service to the property. The Commission may collect a reasonable deposit in advance of furnishing water or sewerage service. The Commission shall begin the assessment of water and sewer service rates either at the time of the connection of all spigots or hydrants, toilets, and waste drains to a water main or sewer or on the expiration of the deadline for connection as required by the Commission in accordance with § 113-10 of this Article, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

Approved May 5, 1992.

CHAPTER 188

(House Bill 795)

AN ACT concerning

Sediment Pollution Control – Agricultural Land Management Practices

FOR the purpose of prohibiting persons engaged in agricultural land management practices who have not satisfied certain requirements from adding sediment to the waters of the State; and generally relating to sediment pollution and agricultural land management practices.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,