

(1964 Replacement Volume), title "Water Resources", sub-title "Appropriation of Waters; Reservoirs and Dams", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

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As soon as convenient after the filing with the Department of any application for a permit to appropriate or use any waters of the State, or to construct or reconstruct or repair any reservoir, dam or waterway obstruction, in any waters of the State under the provisions of this sub-title, the Department shall set a day for a public hearing upon said application. The applicant shall give notice to the public of such application and hearing, either in the manner prescribed by the Department, or by publication once in each week for two successive weeks prior to said hearing in a daily newspaper published in the city or cities, county or counties, or in a weekly newspaper of general circulation in the city or cities, county or counties, which the Department shall determine may be directly affected by the proposed appropriation or use, or construction, reconstruction or repair. The county commissioners of each such county, the mayor or chief execution officials of each such city and the proper officials of any interested agency of the State, or political subdivision thereof, shall also be notified by the applicant by registered mail. In the public notice of such application, the date, place and time fixed by the Department for the public hearing on said application shall be stated. At such public hearing, the applicant and any other interested person or corporation, municipal or private, shall be given an opportunity to present facts, evidence and arguments for or against the granting of said application. In case of emergency, or the making of minor repairs, the Department may, upon written or oral application, grant applications to repair any reservoir, dam or waterway obstruction without notice or hearing; provided, however, that repairs necessary to save life or property may be made without such application, but notice thereof shall be given promptly to the Department.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 653

(Senate Bill 424)

AN ACT to add new Section 164A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County (1961 Edition, being Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Worcester County", to follow immediately after Section 164 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Land Records", to prevent title insurance companies or their agents from filing deeds or other papers involving an interest in any land in Worcester County, unless represented by a member of the county bar, and providing that such companies may continue to insure title to lands in the county.