

tary sewerage system and of factors of timing, cost of OR other conditions relative to any subsequent projected public sewerage service.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 387D be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Water, Ice and Sewerage," to follow immediately after Section 387C thereof, and to read as follows:*

*387D. Applications for septic tank permits in Montgomery and Prince George's district; requirement of referral to Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for review and comment; provisions for notice of installations and conditions thereon.*

*(a) In those districts of the State of Maryland, established by the Commissioner of Health with the approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; under Section 6 of this Article 43, which follow the county lines of and embrace the Counties of Prince George's and Montgomery, neither the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, any Deputy State Health Officer, or local Health Department may issue or approve a permit for the installation and utilization of an individual septic tank or private septic system unless the application therefore has first been submitted to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for its review and comment, but the submission of the application to the Commission for review and comment shall not be required if the septic tank permit application is for property in an area shown on the pertinent County's Ten Year Sewerage Plan, adopted pursuant to Section 387C of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as an area in which a public sewerage system is not contemplated within 10 years, such area currently being denominated Area 5 in the Prince George's County Ten Year Sewerage Plan and Category III in the current Montgomery County Ten Year Sewerage Plan, nor shall the permit issue unless the other conditions for issuance specified in this Section have been met. The Commission shall review and comment in writing to the Health Officer submitting an application for ~~septic~~ SEPTIC tank or for connection to private septic tank systems, with the review and comments to include a determination of the location of the nearest public sewer collection line, capacity, feasibility, cost, and engineering conditions or requirements for extension thereof, and an estimate of time of extension, if available. If more than one property in an area or subdivision is proposed for development, or reasonably expected to be developed, with the use of private septic tank or a private septic system, the Health Officer shall indicate that fact to the Commission with the submission of the initial septic tank permit, or with the submission of such permit after that knowledge reasonably becomes known to the Health Officer, and in such cases the Commission may group the applications for review and comment purposes. If the Commission does not respond in writing to the submitting Health Officer within ~~20~~ 30 days of the Commission's receipt of the Health Officer's submittal, the Health Officer may proceed to process and issue the permit, if otherwise appropriate, without further regard to this subsection (a).*