

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT THE PATUXENT RIVER AND THE SEVERN RIVER ARE A GREAT NATURAL ASSET AND RESOURCE TO THE STATE AND THE COUNTIES THROUGH WHICH THEY RUN. AS A RESULT OF POORLY TREATED EFFLUENT DISCHARGED FROM SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS AND EROSION AND SILT DEPOSITED IN THE RIVERS FROM CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ON LAND IN THE WATERSHED, THE PATUXENT RIVER AND SEVERN RIVER ARE BEING POLLUTED AND DESPOILED TO A DEGREE THAT FISH, MARINE LIFE, AND RECREATIONAL USE OF THE RIVERS ARE BEING ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND CURTAILED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 411V of the Code. The last sentence is proposed for deletion because its substance is set forth in section 8-1201(c). The only other changes made are in style.

8-1203. STANDARDS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS.

EVERY PERSON WHO DISPOSES OF OR TREATS SEWAGE IN THE WATERSHED SHALL ANTICIPATE THE NEED FOR ADVANCED WASTE TREATMENT AND REMOVAL OF NUTRIENTS, IN PROVIDING LAND AND PLANNING CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, SO THAT EFFLUENT FROM SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS IS SUFFICIENTLY TREATED TO MEET THE EFFLUENT WATER QUALITY STANDARD FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL VALUES, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, PH, AND TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS DEFINED BY THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES. EVERY FUTURE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT LOCATED WITHIN THE WATERSHED SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED TO CONFORM WITH THESE STANDARDS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 411W of the Code. Since agencies are included in the definition of "person" under section 8-101(h), only person is used. Reference to the "Water Resources Commission" and its regulations is changed to "Secretary of Natural Resources" pursuant to Chapter 348, Acts of 1972. All rules and regulations now bear the name of the secretary. The only other changes made are in style.

8-1204. SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLAN.

(A) WHEN REQUIRED; SUBMISSION.—ANY OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT WHICH DOES NOT MEET THE PRESCRIBED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, WITHIN 180 DAYS' NOTICE OF FAILURE TO MEET THESE STANDARDS,