

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 557

(Senate Bill 729)

AN ACT concerning

Potomac River Protection Act

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Environment to submit certain reports to the General Assembly *by a certain date*; prohibiting the Secretary of the Environment from issuing certain permits before a certain time except when certain conditions are met; ~~providing a certain exception~~ *certain exceptions to the prohibition against issuing a permit before a certain time*; providing that this Act does not preempt or prohibit any ordinance, resolution, law, or rule more stringent than this Act; making provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to the waters in the Potomac River basin.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) The Secretary of the Environment shall submit the following reports to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article *by July 1, 2002*:

(1) 2000 Water Demand Forecast and Resource Availability Analysis for the Washington Metropolitan Area, prepared by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin;

(2) Potomac River Basin-Wide Water Demand Forecast, prepared by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin; *and*

(3) Maryland's Source Water Assessment Program, prepared by the Department of the Environment; ~~and~~