

AIR POLLUTION

confidentiality of business records and trade secrets, fees, and fines not exceeding \$300 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days for the violation of any regulation. Each day of violation of any regulation shall constitute a separate offense.

DUTIES AND POWERS

Sec. 5. (a) The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby further authorized to—

- (1) conduct studies, investigations, and research relating to air pollution and its prevention, abatement, and control;
- (2) prepare and develop a comprehensive plan or plans for the prevention, abatement, and control of air pollution;
- (3) advise, consult, and cooperate with industries, interstate or inter-local agencies, local governments within the Washington metropolitan region, the Federal Government, and interested persons and groups;
- (4) collect and disseminate information and conduct educational and training programs relating to air pollution; and
- (5) encourage voluntary cooperation by persons or affected groups to achieve the purposes of this Act.

(b) For the purpose of carrying out their duties under this Act, the Commissioners may—

- (1) establish such administrative office or agency as they in their discretion may deem necessary, and delegate to such office or agency any of the duties authorized by this Act, except the power to adopt regulations;
- (2) issue such orders as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act and enforce the same by all appropriate administrative and judicial proceedings, including injunctive relief;
- (3) hold hearings relating to any aspect of, or matter in, the administration of the Act;
- (4) secure necessary scientific, technical, administrative, and operational services, including laboratory facilities, by contract, or otherwise;
- (5) receive and administer grants or gifts for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of this Act; and
- (6) take any other action which may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

REPORTING OF INFORMATION

Sec. 6. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia may require persons engaged in operations which may result in air pollution to file with them reports containing information as to (1) location and description of source; (2) rate, duration, and composition of pollutant emission; and (3) such other information as said Commissioners may require.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 7. Appropriations to carry out the purposes of this Act are hereby authorized.

REPEAL OF ACT OF AUGUST 15, 1935

Sec. 8. The Act approved August 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 653; D.C. Code, Title 6, Chapter 8) is hereby repealed.

The Commissioners fully recognize that the problems of air pollution in the District of Columbia are serious and that steps must be taken to abate the present unsatisfactory conditions. We offer our wholehearted support for this purpose and are in complete agreement with the objectives of H.R. 6981. At the same time, we must urge upon the Committee the need for authorizing the appropriation of the substantial funds that will be necessary to solve this grav problem, and for recognizing that technologically it is one of great magnitude. The Commissioners believe, however, that with the help of Congress, the District can do much toward achieving a solution of the problem. If H.R. 6981 were amended in the manner suggested in this report, the Commissioners would favor its enactment.

The Commissioners have been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this report to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

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Board of Commissioners, D.C.