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been established.

A Table of Organization has been set up for the Authority in keeping with the findings of studies on this important subject. The staffing of the Authority has been carried out on a careful and gradual basis as needs dictated and in keeping with the basic Table of Organization. The staff structure of the Authority provides for orderly and efficient assignment of duties essential to the success of the agency's objectives.

A copy of the Authority's Table of Organization is appended to this report.

TRANSFER OF PORT FUNCTIONS AND FACILITIES FROM CITY OF BALTIMORE

In keeping with the requirement of the Enabling Legislation, the Authority concentrated on the orderly transfer of important port operations, personnel and waterfront facilities from the City of Baltimore to this agency, and this transfer became effective on January 1, 1958.

The agreement with the City of Baltimore provides that the Authority will take title to the McComas Street Terminal of the Western Maryland Railway Company and the National Gypsum Company pier, both of which had been built through the issuance of Baltimore City bonds, these changes to become effective as soon as the outstanding indebtedness has been retired. No cash transfer is involved. The City agreed to turn over income from these two facilities to the Authority over and above that required to retire the bonded indebtedness on schedule. The Authority,

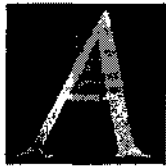
in turn, agreed to supervise these two facilities during the bond retirement period. Further, the City turned over to the Authority, Recreation Pier, with qualifications. All income from Recreation Pier was also assigned to the Authority.

In turn, the Authority assumed responsibility for the performance of essential functions previously carried out by the Bureau of Harbors of the City of Baltimore. These functions include the operation of the Marine Radio Station, certain maintenance dredging necessary in the Harbor, ice-breaking, harbor scavenger work, issuance of waterfront permits and other important and costly maritime duties in the Port of Baltimore.

Since the transfer of these properties, functions and personnel, a continuous appraisal of the methods employed in the past in the performance of the various port operations has indicated the need for basic changes in several of these operations to meet the changing conditions at the Port. Steps have been taken to effect more efficient and economical icebreaking, to provide for more adequate port promotion tour facilities, to improve methods of performing harbor inspections and other responsibilities. These basic changes and the economies resulting will be covered subsequently in this report.

NEW PORT FACILITIES

Recognizing both legislative intent and the needs of the Port of Baltimore for new and renovated cargo facilities, the Authority has concentrated its efforts in having such new



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fits received as aforesaid, and \$125.00 per month, upon application to the County Commissioners, and said Commissioners shall annually levy an amount sufficient to pay such additional benefits.

~~SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect~~

~~June 1, 1959.~~

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved January 30, 1959.

CHAPTER 3

(Senate Bill 8)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 7 (e) of Article 62B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Maryland Port Authority," to eliminate the requirement that any conveyance by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the Maryland Port Authority of the structure and land appertaining thereto now generally known as the Broadway Pier (Recreation Pier) located at the foot of Broadway in the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, shall contain a provision that upon the happening of certain events the Broadway Pier (Recreation Pier) shall revert to and become the property of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; and clarifying the application of said section to other terminals or piers.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 7 (e) of Article 62B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Maryland Port Authority," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7(e) Any conveyance of the above-mentioned [terminals or piers] *McComas Street Terminal or the National Gypsum Company Pier* shall contain a provision that in the event the Authority is abolished and the principal functions thereof are not vested in another board, body or commission, and no bonds issued by the Authority are outstanding and unpaid, then the McComas Street Termi-

nal [,] *and* the National Gypsum Company Pier [and the Broadway Pier (Recreation Pier)] shall revert to and become the property of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Explanation: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
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