

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take Effective. effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1884.

### Chapter 485.

AN ACT to prohibit the creation in future of irredeemable ground-rents, and to regulate the leasing of land.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted*, That all leases or subleases of land hereafter made in this State, for a longer period than fifteen years, shall be redeemable at any time after the expiration of fifteen years at the option of the tenant, for a sum of money equal to the capitalization of the rent reserved at the rate of six per centum in gold coin of the United States, or its equivalent, unless some other sum not exceeding four per cent. capitalization of said rent in said coin shall be specified in said lease, in which event said rent shall be redeemable for the sum fixed in said lease or sublease. Leases of land redeemable.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take Effective. effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1884.

### Chapter 486.

AN ACT to provide for the proper maintenance and repair of wharves, piers and other landings.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any person or persons, or any corporation who shall be the owner or lessee under an agreement to keep in repair any wharf, pier or landing projecting into or bordering upon any navigable waters within the state of Maryland whose passengers are Keep wharves in repair.