

shall have jurisdiction to grant such injunction on such allegations being made. A certified copy of any of such rules and regulations shall be deemed proper evidence of the same in any of the courts of this State.

342. The Highways Commission shall have all the powers and be subject to all the obligations now vested in and imposed upon the County Commissioners of Baltimore County by existing laws with regard to the granting of franchises or rights in relation to the public highways, avenues, streets, lanes or alleys of Baltimore county, and they are hereby declared to be substituted for the County Commissioners with full power to act and do all things said County Commissioners may do or perform under existing laws conferring such powers and imposing such duties upon said County Commissioners. And they are hereby further declared to be substituted for the County Commissioners of Baltimore County in respect to the adoption or framing of regulations or restrictions in reference to the planting or maintenance of telegraph, telephone or electric light poles or the leasing or maintenance of gas or water mains in Baltimore county under all general or special laws permitting said County Commissioners to adopt or frame such regulations or restrictions in reference to the matters aforesaid.

343. Any person placing any obstruction upon any of the public highways, roads, bridges, streets, avenues, lanes or alleys of Baltimore county, or interfering with or obstructing the side ditches or drains thereof, or encroaching upon the same with fences or other obstructions, or any person or corporation, its agents or employes, exercising the business of a common carrier, permitting his or its vehicles, or steam or other engines or cars, to obstruct any crossing for a longer period than ten minutes at any one time, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to arrest and prosecution at the instance of any road official, his or their representatives, or at the instance of any taxpayer of the county, and upon conviction by any justice of the peace exercising criminal jurisdiction in Baltimore county, shall be fined in an amount not less than one dollar for each offense; any person arrested under this section shall have the right to elect that his case be sent to the Circuit Court for trial. All fines collected under this section shall be paid into the general road fund of the county. This provision shall not prevent the Highways Commission from adopting other and further regulations in respect to the subject matter of this section as prescribed by the next preceding section of this sub-title.