

choring and moving of vessels or other water craft, and to prevent any material, refuse or matter of any kind from being thrown into, deposited in or placed where the same may fall, or be washed, into said river or tributaries; to make surveys or charts of the Patapsco River and tributaries, and to ascertain the depth and course of the channels of the same; and when necessary, in its judgment, to affix buoys or water marks for facilitating and rendering more safe the navigation thereof; to erect and maintain and to authorize the erection and maintenance of, and to make such regulations as it may deem proper, respecting wharves, bulkheads, piers and piling, and the keeping of the same in repair; so as to prevent injury to navigation or health; to regulate the use of public wharves, docks, piers, bulkheads or pilings, and to lease or rent the same, and to impose and collect dockage from all vessels and water craft lying at or using the same, and to collect wharfage and other charges upon all goods, wares, merchandise or other articles landed at, shipped from, stored on or passed over the same; to provide for the appointment of such officers and employees as may be necessary to execute the foregoing powers and to impose fines or penalties for a breach of any ordinance passed in conformity herewith, said fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) for any one offense. Provided, however, that, except in regard to docks or wharves owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to impose any duty upon the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to any person or corporation using said river, or any of its tributaries, in regard to the safety thereof, or to render the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore liable for any loss of life, or injury or damage to person or property, by reason of any obstruction in, or unsafe condition of, any part of said river, or of said tributaries or branches, or either of them.

Nothing contained in this Act shall be so construed as to render the City of Baltimore, or any of its officers, liable in damage or otherwise to any person or persons, or corporations, for any omissions to pass any ordinance, regulation or resolution pursuant to the provisions hereof, or for a failure to enforce the same.

SEC. II. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 24th, 1914.