

within which such offense is committed, by a fine not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment for thirty days in the county jail, or both, in the discretion of the Court or Justice. Where such act or omission is of a continuing nature and is persisted in in violation of the provisions of this Act, or of any rule or regulation formulated thereunder, a conviction for one offense shall not be a bar to a conviction for a continuation of such offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.

**SEC. 19.** *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this Act shall be taken or construed to abate, terminate or in any other manner affect any proceedings which have been conducted and carried on under the provisions of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 1916, as amended by Chapter 35 of the Acts of 1922, or any certificates of indebtedness issued or to be issued thereunder, or under any other existing law at the passage of this Act, but such proceedings begun thereunder and which are pending at the passage of this Act shall be prosecuted and concluded in the same manner as if this Act had not been passed. And provided further, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the water and sewerage systems as established and belonging to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, or its subsidiaries at Sparrows Point.

**SEC. 20.** *And be it further enacted,* That all Acts or parts of Acts, general or local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, provided that nothing contained in this Act shall affect or restrict any control which the State Board of Health of Maryland is empowered by law to exercise in any part of this State. And provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal or in any other manner affect the authority, rights, privileges and powers granted to the City of Baltimore under the provisions of Chapter 349 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1904 and Chapter 214 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1908, and any amendments thereto, which said authority, rights, privileges and powers are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**SEC. 21.** *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the