

and the said Directors shall hold regular meetings at least once in each month to receive the reports of their officers as to the business and affairs of the corporation, and to transact such business as may be necessary, and any Director omitting to attend the regular meeting of the Board for three months in succession, may thereupon, at the election of the Board, be considered as having vacated his place, and a successor may be elected to fill the same; any Director may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors present, who are voting, provided there are at least nine affirmative votes cast for his removal.

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#### CHAPTER 374.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendment Section 307 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title, "Corporations," sub-title, "Railroad Companies."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 307 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title, "Railroad Companies," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

307. Railroad companies shall be responsible for injuries resulting in death or otherwise inflicted upon any stock, as cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, and so forth, or by fire occasioned by their engines or carriages, upon any of their roads and branches thereof, unless the said companies can prove to the satisfaction of the justice or other tribunal before which the suit may be tried that the injury complained of was committed without any negligence on the part of the company or its agents; provided, however, that no such presumption of negligence on the part of Railroad Companies shall arise in any case of fire occurring in or about water front or other railroad terminals used for receiving, delivering or transshipping freight, in the handling of which and the ordinary conduct of business therein, persons not in the employ or under the control of such Railroad Companies, their servants and agents, are engaged in and about such premises, and where negligence on the part of such persons, their servants or agents, may have caused or contributed to the origin of such fire.

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