

CHAPTER 509.

(House Bill 577)

AN ACT to authorize the Public Service Commission of Maryland to grant permission to those engaged in operating ferry service across Chesapeake Bay from and to the City of Baltimore to supplement or substitute existing service by operating from and to points on the North Shore of the Patapsco River, or on the Western Shore of Chesapeake Bay north of the Patapsco River.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 330 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935, and especially paragraph D of Section 89 thereof, the Public Service Commission of Maryland is hereby authorized, in its discretion, and upon such conditions and terms as it may deem proper, if it is satisfied that such action is required by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to any person, partnership, association or corporation, who or which has been engaged for a period of at least six months prior to the effective date of this Act in the actual operation of a ferry service across Chesapeake Bay, the western terminus of which service is at the City of Baltimore, to supplement its existing service or to substitute for its existing service, by operating a ferry boat or boats to and from any point, approved by the Public Service Commission, along the north shore of the Patapsco River, or to and from any point on the western shore of Chesapeake Bay and tributaries north of the Patapsco River. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend or repeal any part of Chapter 330 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1935, except for the purpose of authorizing the addition or relocation, in proper cases, of existing ferry termini at Baltimore to another point or points on the north side of the Patapsco River or the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, north of the Patapsco River.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1939.

Approved May 17, 1939.