

child by eliminating the necessity for prosecution of said offenses in the Circuit Court for the Counties of this State and providing for the crime of desertion or wilfull neglecting to provide for the support and maintenance of wife or minor child and providing for the punishment thereof, providing for prosecution of such offenses in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City of such offenses as occur in said City and for prosecution before Justices of the Peace (excluding the Justices of the Peace in Baltimore City) in the Counties of the State and conferring jurisdiction upon certain Justices of the Peace of the Counties and to provide the method of procedure in such cases; providing that nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with any prosecution for any violation of this offense happening prior to June 1, 1941, or on which prosecution may be pending prior to June 1, 1941; and providing for the repeal of all Public General or Public Local Acts inconsistent with this Act.

(Vetoed.)

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CHAPTER 713.

(House Bill 843)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 54 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Land Office", sub-title "Commissioner—His Powers and Duties", said new section to be known as Section 47A, to follow immediately after Section 47 of said Article relating to the right of a riparian owner to erect or extend a pier, wharf, dock or similar construction without liability to the lessee of an oyster bottom.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 54 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Land Office", sub-title "Commissioner—His Powers and Duties", said new section to be known as Section 47A, to follow immediately after Section 47 of said Article, and to read as follows:

47A. On and after June 1, 1941, a riparian owner may erect or extend a pier, wharf, dock or similar construction on his property, without incurring any liability for damage caused thereby to an oyster bottom or bed which was leased on or after June 1, 1941.