

*representatives, shall be subject also to the rights and benefits of Article 73B of said Code, title "Pensions"; provided, however, that the power to set the salaries and compensation of all such employees shall be vested solely in the Authority and shall in no way be subject to the control or jurisdiction of the Standard Salary Board or of any other officer or agency;*

*(p) to do all things necessary and proper to promote and increase commerce within its territorial jurisdiction, including the purchase of advertising, engaging upon public relation programs, publication of literature, solicitation of business by correspondence and traveling representatives, and participation in and cooperation with civic, technical, professional and business organizations and associations;*

*(q) subject to the provisions of Section 21 of this Article and to the authority of the Federal government, to provide for the preservation of navigation within its territorial jurisdiction, including the establishment of lines beyond which no piers, bulkheads, wharves, pilings, structures, obstructions or extensions of any character may be built, erected, constructed, made or extended; to provide for and regulate the stationing, anchoring and moving of vessels or other water craft, and to adopt reasonable rules and regulations in order 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 any navigable waters; to make surveys or charts of navigable waters under its jurisdiction, and to ascertain the depth and course of the channels of the same; to erect and maintain and to authorize the erection and maintenance of, and to make such reasonable 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 wharves, docks, piers, bulkheads, or pilings, owned or controlled by it, and to lease or rent the same, and to impose and collect dockage from vessels and water craft lying at or using the same, and to collect wharfage and other charges upon goods, wares, merchandise or other articles landed at, shipped from, stored on or passed over the same; provided, however, that, except with respect to docks or wharves owned, controlled or operated by the Authority, nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to impose any duty upon the Authority to any person using said waters in regard to the safety thereof, or to render the Authority 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 waters, nor shall anything contained in this Article be so construed as to render the Authority liable in damage or otherwise for any omission to pass or enforce any regulation or resolution pursuant to the provisions hereof; providing that the powers in this sub-section contained shall not be exercised in any county wherein the Board of County Commissioners or the County Council, as the case may be, has not approved the operations therein of the Authority.*

*(r) to establish and maintain a traffic bureau or other office to investigate and seek improvement in rates, rate structures, practices and charges affecting the ports in Maryland so as to increase the commerce of such ports;*

*(s) to make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this Article; provided, however, that all projects in-*