

may be authorized from time to time by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 8, 1959.

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CHAPTER 458

(House Bill 367)

AN ACT to add new Section ~~460A~~ 39A to Article 27 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "~~Crimes and Punishments~~", sub-title "~~Railroads~~" "PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION LAW", sub-title "PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES", to follow immediately after Section ~~460~~ 39 thereof, relating to maintenance and care of ~~the real~~ CERTAIN property of railroads in this State, and providing a penalty for violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section ~~460A~~ be and the same is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "~~Crimes and Punishments~~", sub-title "~~Railroads~~", to follow immediately after Section ~~460~~ thereof, and to read as follows: THAT NEW SECTION 39A BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY ADDED TO ARTICLE 78 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION), TITLE "PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION LAW", TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 39 THEREOF, AND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

~~460A~~ 39A. *In order to provide employees a reasonably safe place to work, it shall be the duty of all persons, firms or corporations engaged in the operation of railroads in this State to keep and maintain their real property, including rights of way, reasonably free from all debris and all types of vegetation, which debris and vegetation unreasonably affect the safety and comfort of their employees while working. A violation of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof punishable by a fine* MAINTAIN THOSE MARGINS ALONGSIDE THEIR YARD TRACKS (EXCEPT DESIGNATED CLEAN-OUT AND REPAIR TRACKS) WHERE SUCH RAILROAD EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO WALK FREQUENTLY IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES, REASONABLY FREE FROM DEBRIS AND VEGETATION WHICH UNREASONABLY AFFECTS THE SAFETY OF SUCH EMPLOYEES WHILE WORKING. THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE COMMISSION UPON COMPLAINT AND AFTER DUE HEARING; VIOLATIONS TO BE

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.