

and on July 1 of each year thereafter the balance of monies in this fund IN EXCESS OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) shall be paid over to the general funds of the State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.

CHAPTER 417
(Senate Bill 685)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, ~~Section~~ SECTIONS 26 (B) AND 27 of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Pollution Abatement," to increase the penalty for violations of rules, regulations or orders of the Department of Water Resources in regard to prevention of water pollution.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That ~~Section~~ SECTIONS 26 (B) AND 27 of Article 96A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Pollution Abatement," be and ~~it is~~ THEY ARE hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

26.

(B) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON CONVICTION SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE OR BY IMPRISONMENT OR BY BOTH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT, FOR EACH OFFENSE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 27 OF THIS ARTICLE. AND ANY VESSEL FROM WHICH OIL IS DISCHARGED IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A), SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE PECUNIARY PENALTY AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, AND CLEARANCE OF SUCH VESSEL FROM A PORT OF THE STATE MAY BE WITHHELD UNTIL THE PENALTY IS PAID, AND SAID PENALTY SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON SUCH VESSEL.

27.

Any person found guilty of violating THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE OR any duly authorized rule, regulation or order of the Department shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, each violation shall be punished by fine of not more than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00)~~ *ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)* and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment not to exceed ~~ninety (90) days~~, ONE (1) YEAR, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. Each day, upon which a violation of the provisions of this subtitle shall occur, may be deemed a separate and additional violation for the purpose of this subtitle. It shall be the duty of the Attorney General of the State of Maryland to take charge of and prosecute all cases arising under the provisions of this subtitle, including the recovery of penalties.