

## CHAPTER 771

(House Bill 1424)

AN ACT to add new Section 50A to Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1965 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 50 thereof, and to be under the new subheading "Public Landings," to authorize the County Commissioners of Charles County to acquire two areas of land on navigable waters for use as public landings, establishment of a "Watermen's Committee," and other matters relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 50A be and it is hereby added to Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1965 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 50 thereof, and to be under the new subheading "Public Landings," to read as follows:*

**PUBLIC LANDINGS**

**50A. Acquisition of land required.**

*(a) Areas. The County Commissioners shall, within six months after July 1, 1969 acquire two areas of land on navigable waters, one to be located in the Fifth Election District and the other in the Third Election District of Charles County, for use as public landings. Such areas may be acquired by purchase, gift, lease, or otherwise. and in the event that the County Commissioners are unable to contract with the owner for the acquisition of any such area of land required for the purpose, they may proceed to acquire the same by condemnation in the same manner prescribed for the acquisition of Public County Roads.*

*(b) Landings. The County Commissioners shall maintain a safe wharf SUITABLE FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF SEA-FOOD, or other proper landing facilities at each such location, and shall provide adequate approaches and parking facilities, including facilities for commercial vehicles engaged in or related to the seafood industry. In discharging its duties under this sub-section, the County Commissioners may either construct and maintain such facilities, lease, or contract for same, or engage in any combination thereof, and so far as practical shall utilize funds, services and facilities, available through the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, the Corp of Engineers and other agencies, governmental or otherwise, concerned with the improvement and maintenance of Marine facilities.*

*(c) Regulations. The County Commissioners are empowered to establish regulations for the use of such public landings, to issue permits and prescribe conditions for the commercial use thereof, to suspend or revoke any permit for reasonable cause, to collect reasonable fees for the use of such areas, and to establish penalties for violations of this subsection.*