

(e) *This section shall be in addition to the laws existing prior to June 1, 1949, for the preservation and protection of waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and shall not be construed as repealing, modifying, or in any manner affecting the provisions of those laws.*

29A.

*The responsibility of developing a program, including training, which would enable the State to respond to an emergency oil spillage in Maryland waters is that of the Maryland Port Authority in the Baltimore Harbor area and of the Department of Natural Resources in other waters of the State. These agencies shall coordinate the efforts of the various State and local agencies aiding in the operation and request the aid of the appropriate Federal agencies if necessary.*

29B.

*The Maryland Port Authority and the Department of Natural Resources shall charge and collect a compensatory fee from the person responsible for the oil spillage. This fee shall cover the cost of labor, equipment operation, and materials necessary to eliminate the residue of oil spillage and shall be retained by the agency charging the fee.*

29C.

*Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to alter, change, modify or restrict the jurisdiction of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as set forth in this Code.*

29D.

(a) *Whenever there occurs in the waters of the State any condition indicative of damage to aquatic resources, including, but not limited to, mortality of fish and other aquatic life, it shall be the duty of the Department of Natural Resources to investigate the occurrence, to determine the nature and extent of the occurrence, and to endeavor to establish the cause and source of the occurrence. The Department of Natural Resources shall act on these findings, as hereinafter provided, to require the repair of any damage done and the restoration of water resources to a degree necessary to protect the best interests of the people of the State.*

(b) *The Department of Natural Resources, if it believes the institution of suit to be advisable, shall turn over to the Attorney General all pertinent information and data. The Attorney General thereupon shall file suit against the person or persons causing the condition complained of, who shall be jointly and severally liable for the reasonable cost of rehabilitation and restoration of the resources damaged and the cost of eliminating the condition causing the damage.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other pro-*