

maintaining this service, which costs shall include depreciation of equipment; to provide that the radio communications service established by this section shall be for the purpose of facilitating the safe movement of ships and cargo within the navigable waters of the State and the efficient operation of port facilities; to require all interests benefited by the radio communications service to pay the service charges and fees established by the Administration pursuant to this section and that these charges and fees shall be collected as are other service charges, fees, and tariffs established by the Administration; and to provide that all moneys received from the service charges and fees for the radio communications service established by this section shall be paid into the Transportation Trust Fund pursuant to Article 94A, §11, of this Code, and credited to this fund.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 5B be and it is hereby added to Article 62B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Maryland Port Administration," to follow immediately after Section 5A thereof, and to read as follows:

5B.

(A) THE MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN, AS AN ELEMENT OF ITS VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEM, A RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE, SERVING THE MARITIME OPERATIONAL, SAFETY, AND COMMERCIAL NEEDS OF SHIPPING INTERESTS UTILIZING PORT FACILITIES ON NAVIGABLE WATERS WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE SERVICE CHARGES AND FEES WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO COVER THE COSTS OF ESTABLISHING, OPERATING, AND MAINTAINING THIS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, WHICH COSTS SHALL INCLUDE DEPRECIATION OF EQUIPMENT. THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION SHALL EXIST FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE SAFE MOVEMENT OF SHIPS AND CARGO WITHIN NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE STATE AND FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF PORT FACILITIES.

(B) ALL INTERESTS BENEFITED BY THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE SHALL PAY THE SERVICE CHARGES AND FEES ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE SERVICE CHARGES AND FEES SHALL BE COLLECTED AS ARE OTHER SERVICE CHARGES, FEES, AND TARIFFS ESTABLISHED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(C) ALL MONEYS RECEIVED FROM THE SERVICE CHARGES AND FEES FOR THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID INTO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 94A, §11, OF THIS CODE, AND CREDITED TO SUCH FUND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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