

No. 147.

AN ACT

Providing for the apportionment of wharfage and dockage in cities of the first class.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in all cases when the owner or owners of adjoining wharves, docks, landings, or river front, or any part thereof, in any city of the first class, shall disagree as to the proper apportionment of the wharfage or dockage payable to them, in accordance with their titles, by persons making use of the same or by vessels lying in front thereof, it shall be the duty of the Director of the Department of Wharves, Docks, and Ferries of such cities, upon written application of one or more of such owners, and after notice to the parties interested, and in accordance with the established customs and usages of the port or place where such wharves, docks, landings or river front may be located, or, where there is no such usage, then as justice and equity may require, to determine the relative proportions of such wharves and docks belonging to the several proprietors of said adjoining wharves, docks, landings, or river front, or any parts thereof: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed to authorize such director to take cognizance of any question involving the title of such property, but such jurisdiction, and the power to enforce the rights of the owners of such wharves, docks, landings, and water front to wharfage and dockage, from persons or vessels heretofore or hereafter using or lying opposite the same, shall remain as heretofore in the proper courts of law.

Cities of the first class.

Wharfage and dockage.

Apportionment.

By Director of Department of Wharves, Docks, and Ferries.

Proviso.

Questions involving title.

Section 2. Any person may appeal from the decision of the Director of the Department of Wharves, Docks, and Ferries to the court of common pleas of the county wherein such wharves, docks, landings, or water front are located.

Appeals.

Section 3. All acts or parts of acts, general, special, or local, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

APPROVED—The 26th day of April, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.