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CHAPTER 303

*An act granting certain tide lands, submerged lands and filled tide lands of the State of California to the City of Avalon, upon certain trusts and conditions.*

In effect  
August 4,  
1943

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*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

Grant

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to the City of Avalon, a municipal corporation of the State of California, and to its successors, all the right, title and interest of the State of California held by said State by virtue of its sovereignty, in and to all of the tide lands, submerged lands and filled tide lands lying within the corporate limits of the City of Avalon and

bordering upon, in and under the Pacific Ocean, situated below the line of mean high tide of the Pacific Ocean, to be forever held by the City of Avalon and its successors in trust for the uses and purposes and upon the express conditions following, <sup>Conditions</sup> <sub>of grant</sub> to wit:

(a) Said lands shall be used by said city and by its successors solely for the establishment, improvement and conduct of a harbor and for the establishment and construction of bulkheads, or breakwaters for the protection of lands within its boundaries, or for the protection of its harbor, and for the construction, maintenance and operation thereof of wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays, ways and streets and other utilities, structures and appliances necessary or convenient for the promotion or accommodation of commerce and navigation, and for the protection of the lands within said city. And said city or its successors shall not at any time grant, convey, give or alien said lands or any part thereof to any individual, firm or corporation, for any purpose whatever; provided, that said city or its successors may grant franchises thereon for a period not exceeding 50 years for wharves and other public uses and purposes, and may lease said lands or any part thereof for limited periods, in any event not to exceed 50 years for any and all purposes which shall not interfere with commerce or navigation and are not inconsistent with the trusts upon which said lands are held by the State of California or with the requirements of commerce or navigation at said harbor.

(b) Said harbor shall be improved by said city without expense to the State and shall always remain a public harbor for all purposes of commerce and navigation, and the State of California shall have at all times the right to use, without charge, all wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays and other improvement constructed on said lands or any part thereof for any vessel or other water craft or railroad owned or operated by the State of California.

(c) In the management, conduct or operation of said harbor or any of the utilities, structures or appliances mentioned in paragraph (a) no discrimination in rates, tolls, or charges or in facilities for any use or service in connection therewith shall ever be made, authorized or permitted by said city, or by its successors. The absolute right to fish in the waters of said harbor with the right of convenient access to said water over said lands for said purpose is hereby reserved to the people of the State of California.

There is hereby excepted and reserved to the State of California all deposits of minerals, including oil and gas in said land, and to the State of California, or persons authorized by the State of California, the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from such land. <sup>Reservations</sup>