

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Roads Commission of Maryland is hereby authorized, after the passage of this Act and not later than June 1st, 1916, to acquire and take over without cost to the State of Maryland and maintain as a part of its system of good roads that part of the highway leading from West Friendship, in Howard County, to Westminster, in Carroll County, lying within the corporate limits of the town of Sykesville, in Carroll County.

Approved April 18th, 1916.

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#### CHAPTER 708.

AN ACT to authorize and direct the State Roads Commission of Maryland in its discretion to establish and operate a ferry from Claiborne to the City of Annapolis, or at some point in the vicinity thereof, and to appropriate a sum of money to pay the expenses thereof, and to carry out the provisions of this Act.

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland is engaged in the construction and maintenance of a system of improved public roads through the State of Maryland connecting different sections thereof; and

WHEREAS, The connection of the Eastern Shore of Maryland with Baltimore City has a long and circuitous route and less convenient to the people of the Peninsula than the improved road to the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to bring the Eastern and Western Shores into closer connection and to make a short and closer connection with the City of Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Easton in Talbot County is connected by improved State Road with all the important Towns and County Seats on the Shore, and a road connecting Easton with Baltimore by way of a ferry from Claiborne to Annapolis would reduce the distance from Easton to Baltimore for Automobiles to forty miles, with the addition of a sixteen mile ferry, if there were a ferry provided to transport passengers and automobiles across the Bay, making the trip approximately two and one quarter hours from Easton to Baltimore; and