

CHAPTER 658.

AN ACT to establish a Board of State Sidepath Commissioners, and to provide revenue for the repair and construction of sidepaths for bicycles and protect the said paths from injury and trespassers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor is hereby authorized to appoint five active wheelmen, two of whom shall be residents of Baltimore City, to constitute a Board of State Sidepath Commissioners, who shall serve without compensation except their actual and necessary disbursements in the performance of their duties, and whose term of office shall be designated at one, two, three, four and five years, and until their respective successors shall be appointed. As the term of office of each commissioner expires the Governor shall appoint a successor thereto for the full term of five years, and he shall fill any vacancy which may occur in such Board of Sidepath Commissioners for the balance of any unexpired term.

Board of State Sidepath Commissioners.

Terms.

SEC. 2. Such Board of State Sidepath Commissioners shall appoint, upon the petition of fifteen resident wheelmen in any county, a County Board of Sidepath Commissioners to consist of five resident wheelmen, upon the approval of the County Commissioners first had and obtained. Said County Board of Sidepath Commissioners shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of a local Board of Sidepath Commissioners of Baltimore City, such as are provided in this Act for the County Board of Sidepath Commissioners in any county. The term of office of the County Board of Sidepath Commissioners shall be co-existent with that of the Board of State Sidepath Commissioners.

Shall appoint a County Board of Sidepath Commissioners.

Powers of.

SEC. 3. Any County Board of Sidepath Commissioners having first obtained the consent in writing of the County Commissioners, with the advice and consent of the State Board of Sidepath Commissioners, shall be authorized to lay out, construct and maintain sidepaths along the edges of any public highway in the county from which they are appointed, between the traveled portions thereof and the line of the abutting property; and the County Commissioners of any county are hereby empowered to exercise all the duties and powers which the road laws of any county may provide, so far as the laws are applicable, to enable and assist in building the sidepaths as provided in this Act.

Authority to lay out, construct and maintain sidepaths.