

or highway. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than ten dollars or more than one hundred dollars for each offense, such fine to be paid to the board or other public authorities in control of the road upon which such offense was committed and to be used for road maintenance; provided, however, that this act shall only apply to roads which have been improved with modern gravel, shell, macadam or metal road bed, and shall not apply to dirt roads.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1912.

CHAPTER 375.

AN ACT to amend Article 91 of the Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Surveyor and State Survey," by adding a section under the sub-title "Public Roads," providing for the maintenance and repair of State highways by the State Roads Commission, and to provide for the levy of an annual State tax of one cent on each one hundred dollars (\$100) for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 91 of the Annotated Code of Public Civil Laws of Maryland, title "Surveyor and State Survey," be amended by adding a section under the sub-title "Public Roads," to be designated as section 37A-1 and to read as follows:

37A-1. It shall be the duty of the State Roads Commission to maintain in good condition and keep in proper order and repair, so far as funds for such purposes are available, all State roads heretofore or hereafter constructed or improved by it under the provisions of this sub-title or which now or at any time may be placed or come under its control; and to such end the said State Roads Commission shall have power and authority to adopt such method or methods for the systematic repair and maintenance of such roads as it may from time to time deem proper and advisable; and, out of funds appropriated or designated for use in the repair or maintenance of said State roads, shall have power and authority to employ such engineers, assistants and other employees, and purchase such equipment, appliances and materials as may be reasonably requisite and necessary for the purposes aforesaid. Said com-