

State of Maryland or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State, but such bonds shall be payable exclusively from the fund hereinafter provided therefor from tolls and revenues. All such bonds shall contain a statement on their face that the State of Maryland is not obligated to pay the same or the interest thereon except from revenues of the project or projects for which they are issued and that the faith and credit of the State is not pledged to the payment of the principal or interest of such bonds. The issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of this sub-title shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the State to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for their payment.

1937, ch. 356, sec. 108.

126. (Preliminary Expenses.) The State Roads Commission is hereby authorized to expend out of its current funds such moneys as may be necessary for the study of any contemplated bridge or tunnel which the Commission after preliminary investigation believes to be of such probable benefit to the public as to entitle the project to further investigation and study, and the Commission is hereby authorized to use its engineering and other forces for the purpose of making such studies and to pay for such additional traffic or other expert studies as it may deem expedient. The Commission shall have power and authority to make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this sub-title, and to employ engineering, architectural and construction experts and inspectors and attorneys, and such other employees as may be necessary in its judgment, and fix their compensation. All such expenses incurred by the Commission prior to the issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of this sub-title, shall be paid by the Commission and charged to the particular projects on account of which such services are performed and such expenses incurred, and the Commission shall keep proper records and accounts showing each amount so charged to each project. Upon the issuance of revenue bonds to pay all or part of the cost of a project, the current funds of the Commission shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of such bonds for the amounts so paid and charged to such project. Except as hereinabove provided, no liability or obligation shall be incurred hereunder beyond the extent to which money shall have been provided under the authority hereof.

The Commission may accept from any Federal agency grants for or in aid of the construction of any bridge or tunnel hereunder, and may exercise any powers which may be conferred upon it by Acts of the Congress of the United States or which are necessary or convenient for the execution of its powers. All public or private property damaged or destroyed in carrying out the powers granted hereunder shall be restored or repaired and placed in their original condition, as nearly as practicable, or adequate compensation made therefor, out of funds provided under the authority of this sub-title.

1937, ch. 356, sec. 109.

127. (Purchase and Condemnation of Property.) The Commission is hereby authorized to purchase within this State and within any adjoining state, solely from funds provided under the authority of this sub-title,