

charge tolls for the use of such project or projects, and thereafter such project or projects shall be free; provided, however, that the Commission may thereafter charge tolls for the use of any such project, if not prohibited by any Federal Law, in the event that tolls are required for maintaining, repairing and operating such project due to the lack of funds from other sources than tolls or in the event that such tolls shall have been pledged by the Commission to the payment of revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this sub-title for another project or projects. But any such pledge of tolls of a project to the payment of bonds issued for another project shall not be effectual until the principal and interest of the bonds issued for the first mentioned project shall have been paid or provision made for their payment.

1937, ch. 356, sec. 115.

133. (Remedies of Bondholders and Trustee.) Any holder of revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this sub-title or any of the coupons attached thereto, and the trustee under the trust indenture, if any, except to the extent the rights herein given may be restricted by resolution passed before the issuance of the bonds or by the trust indenture, may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceedings, protect and enforce any and all rights under the laws of the United States or of the State of Maryland or granted hereunder or under such resolution or trust indenture, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this sub-title, or by such resolution or trust indenture, to be performed by the Commission, or any officer thereof, including the fixing, charging, and collecting of tolls for the use of the project or projects.

1937, ch. 356, sec. 116.

134. (Contributions.) The Commission, in addition to the moneys which may be received from the sale of revenue bonds and from the collection of tolls and other revenues derived under the provisions of this sub-title, shall have authority to accept from any Federal agency grants for or in aid of the construction of any bridge or tunnel or the payment of the bonds, and to receive and accept contributions from any source of either money or property or other things of value, to be held, used, and applied only for the purposes for which such grants or contributions may be made.

1937, ch. 356, sec. 117.

135. (Competing Bridges, Tunnels and Ferries.) So long as any bonds issued hereunder remain outstanding, no bridge or tunnel for the use of the traveling public shall hereafter be constructed and operated by any county, municipal corporation or political sub-division of the State, or by any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation, and no franchise shall hereafter be granted for the operation of a ferry, within a distance of ten miles from the location of any bridge or tunnel constructed under the provisions of this sub-title, except under a written permit granted by the Commission. No such permit shall be granted by the Commission until it shall ascertain by an investigation, including a hearing upon such notice and under such rules as the Commission may prescribe, that there is urgent public need for the operation of such bridge or tunnel or ferry, and that its operation will not affect the revenues of any bridge or