

it shall not be less than fourteen feet; and the grades approaching said overhead or undergrade crossings shall not be greater than a rise of six feet in the hundred. The said "tunnel" used in this section to describe the undergrade crossing may either be arched or the railroad tracks may be carried across the public highway on a bridge, as the railroad company may elect. For constructing the approaches to said overhead or undergrade crossings the railroad company may, at its own expense, change the grade of the public highway to be carried on said new crossing with the same rights and liabilities as are now vested in the county commissioners in changing the grades of public highways. Whenever a railroad company shall construct an overhead or undergrade crossing under the terms of this section, all grade crossings within six hundred yards of the same may be closed by it and no new crossing shall be opened within that distance of said overhead or undergrade crossing; provided, that this prohibition as to the maintenance and opening of grade crossings shall not apply to incorporated towns or villages of two thousand or more inhabitants, subject, however, to the consent of the county commissioners or municipal authorities of said counties and towns.

As to elimination of grade crossings, see art. 89B, sec. 27, *et seq.*  
See secs. 216 & 242.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 252. 1912, sec. 315. 1904, sec. 295. 1890, ch. 443, secs. 1 and 2.

**253.** It shall not be lawful for any railroad company doing business in this State to withhold any part of the wages of its employes for the benefit of any relief association or the members thereof. Any railroad company violating the provisions of this section shall upon conviction be fined not less than fifty (\$50) dollars, nor more than five hundred (\$500) dollars for each and every offense.

See sec. 150.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 253. 1912, sec. 316. 1904, sec. 296. 1894, ch. 269.

**254.** The board of public works may, when it is shown to their satisfaction by any railroad company that it is impracticable for such railroad company to equip all of its cars with heating apparatus other than stoves, within the time required by law, prescribe what number of cars of such railroad company shall be equipped with the improved heating apparatus by such company in each year.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 254. 1912, sec. 317. 1904, sec. 297. 1902, ch. 615, sec. 1.

**255.** No railroad company incorporated by or under the authority of this State, or doing business therein, shall issue, sell or receive tickets for passage through the city of Baltimore, or make agreement or agreements with any other railroad company or companies outside of this State to issue or sell tickets for passage over their respective lines through the city of Baltimore, unless there is a coupon on said tickets for passage from a given place in or out of this State to the city of Baltimore, and another coupon on said tickets from the city of Baltimore to a given place in or out of this State.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 255. 1912, sec. 318. 1904, sec. 298. 1902, ch. 615.

**256.** In issuing or selling all tickets for passage in this State through the city of Baltimore, or making agreements with other railroad companies outside of this State to issue or sell tickets for passage through the