

CHAPTER 261.

AN ACT to more effectually protect travellers against the payment of illegal tolls which may be charged by any of the several turnpike companies chartered under the act of eighteen hundred and four, chapter fifty-one, or any supplement thereto.

Whereas, by the twenty-seventh section of the act of eighteen hundred and four, chapter fifty-one, provision is made for imposing a penalty of twenty dollars for each time any illegal or greater tolls than the rate provided for in said chapter is demanded and collected; and whereas said penalty, being made payable to the county and not to the party or parties aggrieved; and whereas, for the purpose of affording redress to such persons from whom such illegal toll has been collected, this act is passed. Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all judgments hereafter obtained against any of the turnpike companies chartered by the act of eighteen hundred and four, chapter fifty-one, or any supplement thereto, shall be entered to the use of the informer or such person or persons who shall prove that he or they have paid such illegal tolls. Judgments to be entered for use of informer.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all fines or penalties imposed by this act shall be and are hereby made a debt due by the company against whom judgments have been obtained, and as such collected as other debts. Debt due against company.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. In force.

Approved April 5, 1878.