

and other professional assistance as the Commission may deem necessary.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 30 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads", sub-title "Grade Crossings", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

30. Owners of adjacent land and improvements abutting on or along the highways, which highways are affected by any grade crossing elimination under the provisions of this Article, who may be entitled to damages under the provisions of Section 29, may maintain an action at law for such damages against the State Roads Commission of Maryland and the railroad company or companies affected, and the consent of the State of Maryland to maintain any and all such actions is hereby expressly granted. The right to maintain any such action shall apply to damages suffered within the meaning of Section 29, subsequent to its enactment and approval on March 31st, 1927, and this section is expressly declared to be retroactive to the extent that it confers upon such adjacent property owners the right to maintain actions for damages within the meaning of said Section 29, but shall not be deemed to create any liability not already existing in the law. Any damages that may be recovered under the provisions of this section shall be regarded as a part of the expense of the grade crossing elimination and one-half of the same shall be paid by the railroad company or companies, and one-half by the State Roads Commission.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 44 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads", sub-title "Duties and Powers", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

44. 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 and bridges heretofore or hereafter constructed or improved by it under the provisions of this Article 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