

maintenance of said State roads, shall have power and authority to employ such engineers, assistants and other employees, and purchase such equipment, appliances and materials as may be reasonably requisite and necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 48A of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads", sub-title "Duties and Powers", as amended by Chapter 964 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

48A. (1) The Legislature of the State of Maryland hereby assents to the provisions of the following Acts of Congress and amendments thereto; Act of Congress approved July 11, 1916, entitled "Federal-Aid Act", and Act of Congress approved November 9, 1921, entitled "Federal-Highway Act", and Act of Congress approved December 20, 1944, entitled "Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944". The term "Federal Acts" when used in this section means the aforesaid Acts, as from time to time amended or supplemented, together with subsequent Acts of Congress of like character and together with rules and regulations lawfully promulgated in connection with any such Acts.

(2) The State Roads Commission of Maryland, on its own behalf or on behalf of any county, the City of Baltimore, any city, municipality, town, special taxing area or other State or local agency or subdivision of government in the State of Maryland, and the counties, the City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas and other State and local agencies and subdivisions of government in the State of Maryland and their duly elected or appointed officers are hereby expressly authorized and empowered, respectively, to do any and all acts and things necessary or desirable to comply with the terms, conditions and provisions and to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Federal Acts.

(3) To effectuate the foregoing, the counties, City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas and the other agencies and sub-divisions of government in the State of Maryland, and their duly elected or appointed officers are hereby authorized and empowered to raise funds by issuing bonds, interim certificates, and other evidences of debt and by taxation; and such power and authority shall be in addition to the powers conferred by any other law. Bonds may be issued under this sub-title, notwithstanding any debt or other limitation prescribed by any other law. It is the