

(c) The provisions of this Section and of the four preceding Sections shall not impair or affect in any way any restrictions, limitations or other provisions, contained in any ordinance granting or conferring any franchise heretofore passed by any municipal corporation of this State, prohibiting, limiting or restricting the transfer or assignment of such franchise.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 2 of Article 9 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Edition of 1924) be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

2. Every person who doth not reside in this State, and every person who absconds, may be made a defendant in an attachment.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this Act shall be taken or construed as affecting the existence of any corporation existing on June 1, 1937, or as impairing the validity of any corporate act done or performed in conformity with the pre-existing law; and nothing in this Act shall release any corporation, association or joint stock company from the payment of any tax or the performance of any obligation to the State or to any county or city therein due or existing on June 1, 1937, or affect or change the remedy for the collection or enforcement of the same; and nothing in this Act shall release, affect or impair the rights of any creditor of any corporation, association or joint stock company, or the obligations or liability of any corporation, association or joint stock company or of any shareholder, member, director or officer of any corporation, association or joint stock company, existing on June 1, 1937, or affect or change the remedy for the collection or enforcement of the same.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1937.

Approved May 18, 1937.

CHAPTER 505.

AN ACT to add a sub-title and one new section to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "State Roads", said sub-title to be known as "Convict