

Labor" and to follow immediately after Section 104 of said Article, and to be known as Section 105, to authorize and direct the State Roads Commission and the Board of Welfare to utilize convict labor of State penal institutions on reconstruction and maintenance of State and County roads, and to prescribe certain conditions therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a sub-title and one new section be and the same are hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "State Roads", said sub-title to be known as "Convict Labor" and to follow immediately after Section 104 of said Article and said new section to be known as Section 105 and to follow immediately after Section 104 of said Article, to read as follows:

105. CONVICT LABOR. The State Roads Commission is authorized and directed to expend a sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) a year for the fiscal years of 1938 and 1939, from the Reconstruction and Maintenance Fund to be used for the purpose of employing, on reconstruction and maintenance of State and County roads, prisoners in the penal institutions of the State which institutions are under the control and direction of the Board of Welfare; and the said Board of Welfare is directed to furnish the said Commission, for the above purposes, such prisoners as in its judgment may be safely utilized for such work, the Board to be the sole judge of whether such prisoners can be used for road work with maximum security.

The employment of all prisoners on road work as herein directed shall be subject to all the conditions and requirements now in force for such work, as prescribed in Article 27, Sections 712 to 726 inclusive of the Code of Public General Laws (1924 Edition), provided that the money to be expended hereunder shall provide for maintenance, safekeeping, transportation, wages and all other expenses of utilizing prison labor on the roads, it being understood this sum shall cover the total cost of the employment of said prisoners.

It is declared to be the policy of the State that, because of the enforced idleness of prisoners in the several penal institutions of the State, it is necessary and desirable that useful work on State projects be found for said prisoners, and that all such prisoners who may be safely used for this work shall be put upon maintenance and reconstruction of the State roads.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1937.

Approved May 18, 1937.