

signs, from all State taxes and charges, including contributions to the cost of construction of railroad crossings made or to be made under the authority of the State Roads Commission, and from all county and city taxes and charges in the nature of a tax for the years during which the property is so used but not exceeding two years beginning January 1, 1933.

WHEREAS, Neither the Washington, Brandywine and Point Look Out Railroad Company nor the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company earned their respective operating charges during the year 1932, and it is of the utmost importance for the welfare of the State and particularly those parts of the counties of Prince George's, Charles, St. Mary's, Anne Arundel and Calvert served by the said railroads that the operation thereof be continued and

WHEREAS, It is, in the judgment of the General Assembly of Maryland, a wise and sound public policy to encourage the continued operation of the said railroads and each of them by the exemption herein provided.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the railroad property of the Washington, Brandywine and Point Look Out Railroad Company and of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company, or so much thereof as may be used for railroad purposes by the said companies respectively, their respective successors and assigns, be exempt from all State taxes and charges including contributions to the cost of construction of railroad crossings made or to be made under the authority of the State Roads Commission, and from all county and city taxes and charges in the nature of a tax for the years during which the property is so used, not exceeding two years beginning January 1, 1933; provided, however, that with respect to the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company the exemption granted by this Act shall cease and be at an end if and when the said Chesapeake Beach Railway Company or any subsidiary thereof engages in the operation of a Ferry service or services.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1933.

Approved April 21, 1933.