Sec. 2. And be it enacted. That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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## CHAPTER 8.

AN ACT to authorize the Highways Commission of Baltimore County to use the unappropriated surplus in the County treasury to reimburse the road fund for a portion of the loss sustained by reason of damage to the county roads and bridges from destructive floods during the year 1905.

Whereas, The public roads and bridges of Baltimore county were greatly damaged, and in many instances totally Preamble. destroyed by unusual and destructive floods occurring during the year 1905, requiring the Highways Commission of said county to expend on their repair the sum of over sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) out of the funds levied for ordinary and usual road purposes, thereby depriving the whole people of said county of the benefit of that sum which would otherwise have been used for usual repairs and improvements to the county roads in general; and

WHEREAS, There is now in the County treasury, due the county from uncollected taxes and other sources, the sum of about forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000), not appropriated for other purposes, and constituting a surplus which has been accumulated by the County Commissioners during the past few years, through the exercise of great economy and care in the administration of county affairs; and

Whereas, The Highways Commission of said county is limited by law to the expenditure of the sum levied by the County Commissioners of said county for road purposes, and said County Commissioners are by law prohibited from expending for any specific purpose any greater or other sum than they have actually levied for such purposes; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Highways Commission of Baltimore County Authority be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to reimburse the road fund for a portion of the loss sustained by reason of damage to the county roads and bridges from destructive floods during the year 1905, and expend for road purposes

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