

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10th, 1918.

CHAPTER 307.

AN ACT to add a new Section to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of the year 1912, title "Corporations", sub-title "Railroad Companies", to come in immediately after Section 272 and to be designated as "Section 272A", authorizing Railroad Companies to construct, maintain and operate railroads not exceeding one hundred (100) feet in width at the graded surface thereof, with as many sets of tracks as they may deem necessary from time to time, and in addition thereto such side tracks, turnouts, depots, buildings and other works as they may deem necessary in connection with said railroads, between their termini in the State of Maryland, or so far as said railroads may be within the State of Maryland, and to acquire by purchase or condemnation the necessary land and property therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section be added to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of the year 1912, title "Corporations", sub-title "Railroad Companies", to come in immediately after Section 272, and to be designated as "Section 272A", and to read as follows:

SEC. 272A. Any Railroad Company heretofore incorporated under the Laws of this State, whether incorporated under the provisions of this Article or by Special Act, or which may hereafter be incorporated under the Laws of this State, is hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary to locate, construct, maintain and operate a railroad not exceeding one hundred (100) feet in width at the graded surface thereof, with the necessary addition thereto for slopes or embankments for cuts and fills, and with as many sets of tracks as it may deem necessary from time to time, and of additional width for such side tracks, turnouts, depots, buildings and other works as it