

CHAPTER 808.

AN ACT to vest in the State Roads Commission of Maryland the power and authority on behalf of the State of Maryland to co-operate and act with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America in the construction and maintenance of rural post roads and to authorize the expenditure of sums of money by said State Roads Commission of Maryland in the prosecution of said work.

WHEREAS, A Bill has been passed by the House of Representatives of the United States of America, providing that the United States shall in certain cases aid the States and civil subdivisions thereof, in the construction and maintenance of rural post roads; and whereas under the provisions of said Bill certain powers are vested in the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America to be exercised by joint action with State officers having lawful authority on that behalf.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in the event of the passage of such Bill or any other Bill providing for the construction of rural post roads with funds wholly or partially to be supplied by the United States of America, that the State Roads Commission of Maryland be and the same is hereby vested with power and authority on behalf of the State of Maryland to co-operate and act with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America in the construction and maintenance of rural post roads as defined and determined by said Bill or any other law of the United States of America in reference to the subject matter.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Roads Commission of Maryland be, and the same is authorized and empowered to expend in such construction and maintenance of such rural post roads such amounts of money, if any, as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of said proposed law of the United States of America out of any appropriations or loans heretofore or hereafter made by the State of Maryland for State or State aided highways to be expended by or under the direction of the State Roads Commission of Maryland, said amounts when expended to be charged to the respective Counties in which such expenditures are made in the same manner as if the expenditures were made in the ordinary prosecution of the work of the State Roads Commission of Maryland as now or hereafter provided by law. Provided that the State Roads Commission shall first apportion