

88-G. All railroad companies, whose roads are worked by steam, electric or other power, street and passenger railways, steamship and steamboat companies, and all other common carriers, telegraph, cable, telephone, express, transportation, parlor car, sleeping car, and oil pipe companies, turnpike companies, bridge companies, and sewage disposal companies, electric light, electric construction, heating, refrigerating, water and gas companies, which by their charters are prohibited from constructing, maintaining or operating their properties, lines or works within the State, shall, for the purposes of Sections 88-B to 88-F, inclusive, of this Article, be ordinary business corporations and are hereby so defined; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be taken or construed as classifying any of the above-mentioned corporations as ordinary business corporations, if such corporations construct, maintain or operate properties, lines or works within the State.

88-H. Payments of any taxes or fees, payable to the State Tax Commission under the provisions of this Article, shall be made in cash or in such other form as shall be acceptable to said State Tax Commission. Any payment of a bonus tax to the said State Tax Commission, State Tax Commissioner or Secretary of State, heretofore or hereafter made, shall, as far as the corporation in respect of whose shares the same is paid is concerned, be deemed and taken to be payment of said bonus tax to the State Treasurer.

99-A. Any acknowledgment or affidavit required by this Article may be made before any notary public or other officer competent to take acknowledgments of deeds for land situated anywhere in this State. If such acknowledgment or affidavit be made before a justice of the peace, his official character shall be certified to by the clerk of the Circuit or Superior Court under his official seal.

99-B. No charter or other paper, which is not in conformity with law, shall be received by the State Tax Commission for record.

100-A. No corporation shall hereafter interpose the defense of usury in any action.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 157 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the existence of any corporation