

road of the Company so consolidating upon such terms as may be agreed upon; provided, however, that the agreement for such consolidation shall be submitted to the stockholders of the Railroad Company incorporated under the laws of this State at a special meeting called for considering the same, and shall be sanctioned by the holders of a majority of the stock of such Company, and if sanctioned at such meeting by such holders of a majority of the stock, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of this State; and provided further, that such agreement shall contain no provisions in conflict with the provisions of this Article, or which shall exempt such railroad so far as it lies in this State from the operation of the laws of this State, and nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize the consolidation of any Railroad Companies owning or operating competing or parallel roads or parallel lines of railroad, which is hereby declared to be unlawful and expressly prohibited without the special consent of the General Assembly being first obtained therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of June, 1916.

Approved April 18th, 1916.

CHAPTER 665.

AN ACT to authorize and request the State Roads Commission of Maryland to build and maintain a bridge from the mainland to Ocean City across Sinepuxent Bay in Worcester County.

WHEREAS, A system of good roads has been completed under the direction of, and cost of, the State of Maryland connecting Ocean City in Worcester County with the other Counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Baltimore City and other points in the State; and whereas it is eminently desirable in view of the growing size, importance and popularity of Ocean City as the only watering place on the Atlantic Coast in Maryland that the means of access thereto be made easy, safe and convenient; and it now appears that the only bridge spanning Sinepuxent Bay and furnishing the sole connection between Ocean City and the main land is an old wooden drawbridge, owned and controlled by the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company, which bridge is too narrow at the