

WHEREAS, The present route, by way of Elkton, is approximately one hundred and thirty miles, requiring over five hours to make the trip with a crossing at Perryville and Havre de Grace, costing One Dollar for bridge charges, beside the great waste of time in making this trip; and

WHEREAS, Such a ferry would put the Counties of Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester, with the Eastern Shore Counties of the State of Virginia, in daily touch with Baltimore City by automobile, as well as making a short and easy run to the Ocean for the citizens of Baltimore and Washington, and would greatly develop the industries and convenience of the people of the State of Maryland; therefore:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Roads Commission be and they are hereby authorized and directed in their discretion to provide a suitable steamer or steamers to connect said Town of Claiborne with the City of Annapolis or some adjoining suburb, such steamer or steamers to have ample deck room for the transportation of passengers and automobiles and other vehicles, and to provide wharf facilities at each terminal, and to make such trips across the Bay as may be justified, and to charge such rates therefor as may be established by the Public Service Commission of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying out and making effective the provisions of this Act; provided, however, that said sum hereby appropriated shall not be available unless and until the State Roads Commission shall in the exercise of their discretion establish the ferry hereby authorized.

Approved April 18th, 1916.

CHAPTER 709.

AN ACT to add a new section to the Baltimore City Charter, to follow Section 164-B of the revised charter of 1915, and to be known as Section 164-C.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section be and the same is hereby added to the Baltimore City Charter; to follow Section 164-B of the re-