

468. Any person placing any obstruction upon any of the public highways, roads, bridges, streets, avenues, lanes or alleys of Baltimore County or interfering with or obstructing the side ditches or drains thereof, or encroaching upon the same with fences or other obstructions or in any other manner; or any person or corporation, its agents or employees, exercising the business of a common carrier, permitting his or its vehicles or steam or other engines or cars to obstruct any crossing for a longer period than ten minutes at any one time shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to arrest and prosecution at the instance of any road official, his or their representatives, or at the instance of any taxpayer of the county, and upon conviction by any justice of the peace exercising criminal jurisdiction in Baltimore County shall be fined in any amount not less than one dollar nor more than fifty dollars for each offense; any person arrested under this section shall have the right to elect that his case be sent to the Circuit Court for trial. All fines collected under this section shall be paid into the General Road and Bridge Fund of the county.

469. The Governor of the State of Maryland shall, after the passage of this Act, appoint as Baltimore County Roads Engineer a man having the degree of civil engineer and experienced in bridge and road building. The Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall be directly answerable to the County Commissioners of Baltimore County for the faithful and efficient discharge of his duties and it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners to remove him from office and he shall be removable from office by them for neglect of duty, inefficiency, dishonesty and for any other cause, matter or thing whatsoever which in the opinion of said County Commissioners necessitates his removal for the better, more efficient or more economical administration of county affairs relating to roads. "But the Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall not be removable from his office by the County Commissioners except after written charges preferred against him and an opportunity to be heard in his defense afforded him. Hearings in regard to removal of the Roads Engineer from office shall be public, and there shall be no appeal from the decisions of the County Commissioners thereon." Whenever a vacancy exists in the office of the Roads Engineer the Governor of Maryland shall immediately fill the same.