

CHAPTER 537.

AN ACT to add one new section to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Laws of 1931, Chapter 539), title "State Roads," said new section to be known as Section 32A and to follow immediately after Section 32, relating to the construction and maintenance of the highway system of the State with funds received from the United States Government or any agency thereof and providing for the cost of such project where the funds so received from the United States Government or any agency thereof shall be unavailable or insufficient to pay the total cost of such project, and empowering the State Roads Commission to eliminate highway hazards, construct or alter railroad or highway underpasses or overhead bridges agreed upon by the Commission and the railroad or railway company, and providing that said section shall not be a limitation upon the power of the Commission to require the railroad to contribute its present statutory apportionment based on the difference between the total cost of the project and the amount of Federal funds received.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That one new section be and it is hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Laws of 1931, Chapter 539), title "State Roads," said new section to be known as Section 32A and to follow immediately after Section 32 of said Article and to read as follows:

32A. In addition to the powers hereinbefore and hereinafter granted the State Roads Commission is hereby authorized to build and improve roads and bridges, including any and all projects for elimination of highway hazards existing or found to exist at crossings of highways with railroads, and including the alteration, reconstruction or relocation of existing underpasses or overhead bridges, and generally to construct, improve and maintain the highway system of this State, with funds received from the United States Government or any agency thereof under such terms and conditions as may be imposed upon the use of said funds; and for this purpose the State Roads Commission may exercise any of the powers conferred upon it by this Article or elsewhere. The total costs of any project constructed with funds received from the United States Government or any agency thereof shall be borne entirely by such funds as far as the same are available and except insofar as an Act of