

admission of liability on the part of the Mayor and Common Council or otherwise used against the said Mayor and Common Council respecting its liability or asserted to be any liability of the Mayor and Common Council in any suit instituted by a claimant to enforce his claim.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1935.

Approved May 17, 1935.

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#### CHAPTER 432.

AN ACT to request the State Roads Commission to investigate the ownership and possessory rights of the property at the junction of the Defense Highway and Baltimore Boulevard in Bladensburg and if there is outstanding ownership or right of possession in any one to any part of said tract, to authorize and direct said Commission to acquire the same and to direct the Board of Public Works to transfer a sufficient sum to said Commission for payment of same.

WHEREAS, a controversy has arisen over the ownership and use of a small tract of land surrounding the Peace Cross at the junction of the Defense Highway and the Baltimore Boulevard in Bladensburg, Maryland, and the use of said land for commercial purposes will create a serious menace to traffic at this point; and

WHEREAS, The State Roads Commission is deeply concerned about the traffic hazard situation at this junction; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the State Roads Commission is authorized and directed to investigate the ownership and possessory rights of the so-called Casey Tract surrounding the said Peace Cross at the junction of the Defense Highway and the Baltimore Boulevard in Bladensburg, and if the said Commission determines that there is an outstanding ownership or right of possession to any part of said tract, it is authorized and directed to proceed forthwith to acquire the same by purchase or condemnation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Board of Public Works be and it is hereby directed to transfer to the