

WHEREAS, It is in the judgment of the General Assembly of Maryland a wise and sound public policy to encourage the continued operation of said railroad by the exemption herein provided.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the railroad property of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company, or so much thereof as may be used for railroad purposes by said company, its successors and assigns, be exempt from all State taxes and charges, including contributions to the cost of construction of railroad crossings made or to be made under the authority of the State Roads Commission, and from all county and city taxes and charges in the nature of a tax for the years during which the property is so used, but not exceeding two years, beginning January 1, 1931; provided, however, that the exemption granted by this Act shall cease and be at an end if and when the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company or any subsidiary thereof engages in the operation of a ferry service or services.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931.

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## CHAPTER 524.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 2 of Chapter 391 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1922, entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Maryland, to widen and improve the road commonly known as the Rockville and Georgetown Pike, between certain limits, beginning at the line of the District of Columbia where said road intersects with said district line and along said road to a point where the road known as the old Georgetown road at the village of Edgemoor intersects with the Rockville and Georgetown Pike," the said amendments vest specific authority in the said County Commissioners to condemn such land and improvements in any special taxing area or incorporated towns or municipality as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act, and specifically authorize the said County Commissioners to enter into any agreement with the Washington and Rockville Railway Company of Montgomery County or any company operating an electric railway system along the said Rock-