

of Maryland (1935 Supplement), as said section was enacted by Chapter 505 of the Acts of 1937, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

105. **Convict Labor.** The State Roads Commission is authorized and directed to expend a sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) a year for the fiscal years of 1940 and 1941, from the Reconstruction and Maintenance Fund to be used for the purpose of employing, on reconstruction and maintenance of State and county roads, prisoners in the penal institutions of the State which institutions are under the control and direction of the Board of Welfare; and the said Board of Welfare is directed to furnish the said Commission, for the above purposes, such prisoners as in its judgment may be safely utilized for such work, the Board to be the sole judge of whether such prisoners can be used for road work with maximum security.

The employment of all prisoners on road work as herein directed shall be subject to all the conditions and requirements now in force for such work, as prescribed in Article 27, Sections 712 to 726, inclusive, of the Code of Public General Laws (1924 Edition), provided that the money to be expended hereunder shall provide for maintenance, safekeeping, transportation, wages and all other expenses of utilizing prison labor on the roads, it being understood this sum shall cover the total cost of the employment of said prisoners.

It is declared to be the policy of the State that, because of the enforced idleness of prisoners in the several penal institutions of the State, it is necessary and desirable that useful work on State projects be found for said prisoners, and that all such prisoners who may be safely used for this work shall be put upon maintenance and reconstruction of the State roads.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1939.

Approved May 27, 1939.

CHAPTER 567.

(House Bill 516)

AN ACT making an emergency appropriation for the payment of extraordinary expenses of the General Assembly of Maryland for the session of 1939.

(Vetoed.)