

roads herein mentioned, said contracts to be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder. The Board shall have such further power as is reasonably necessary to carry out the duties assigned to it under the terms of this Act.

The term "road construction and maintenance" as used in this sub-title shall be construed to include the construction and maintenance of necessary bridges, drainage structures and all structures necessary for a complete highway system.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed upon a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 27, 1939.

CHAPTER 696.

(House Bill 722)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 31, 32 and 33 of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "State Police", sub-title "Pensions", increasing the pensions of members of the State Police, establishing pensions for widows and dependent children of members of the State Police Force, and other matters relating to such pensions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 31, 32 and 33 of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "State Police", sub-title "Pensions", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

31. Whenever any of the employees of the Department of Maryland State Police and any of the license examiners of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall have given meritorious service as such employee for a period of ten continuous years, and shall have reached the age of 55 years, such employee shall be eligible for retirement upon his voluntary application or may be retired by the Superintendent of the Department of Maryland State Police, provided such employee be found, after medical examination given by a Medical Board of three physicians, consisting of the Medi-