It shall be the duty of police employees of the Department to prevent and detect crime, to apprehend criminals, to enforce the criminal laws and motor vehicle laws of the State, and to perform such other related duties as may be imposed upon them by the Legislature, and to this end, police employees of the Department shall be peace officers, and shall have in any and all parts of the State, the same powers with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement of the law relating thereto, as sheriffs, constables, police officers and peace officers have in their respective jurisdiction, and shall have all the immunities and matters of defense now available or such as hereafter may be made available to sheriffs, constables, police officers and peace officers, in any suit brought against them in consequence of acts done in the course of their employment. Any warrant of arrest issued by any magistrate of the State, at the instance of any police employee, may be executed by any police employees of the Department in any part of the State according to the tenor thereof without endorsement. All police employees shall have all the powers, rights and duties which were or are granted unto the motor cycle deputies of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, as set forth in Article 56, Sections 141 to 321, inclusive, Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and shall have all rights and duties as are granted, or may be granted, unto motor cycle deputies of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by any Act or Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935; provided, however, that Sections 21, 22 and 24, hereof, except to enforce the Motor Vehicles Laws of this State shall not apply to Charles County.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 2, 1941.

CHAPTER 736.

(House Bill 797)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 120 of Article 12 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), as enacted by Chapter 254 of the Laws of Maryland of 1937, title "Garrett County", sub-title "County Treasurer", to authorize, empower and direct the County Treasurer for Garrett County to collect taxes levied by the Mayor and Council of Loch Lynn Heights and the Mayor and Council of Kitzmillersville upon motor vehicles owned