

line of the District of Columbia; conferring powers and imposing duties on the State Roads Commission; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds of the State, payable solely from earnings, to pay the cost of such motorway, providing that no debt of the State shall be incurred in the exercise of any such powers; providing for the collection of tolls for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of such motorway; providing for the pledging of such tolls; prescribing conditions upon which such motorway shall become free; making such bonds exempt from taxation; providing for condemnation; providing alternate free routes; and authorizing the issuance of revenue refunding bonds.

WHEREAS, portions of the highway system of the State are seriously overburdened by the civilian and industrial traffic using such portions of the highway system, and in particular by the interstate traffic to and from the Nation's Capital and the intrastate traffic between Baltimore City and the Nation's Capital; and

WHEREAS, the serious overloading of the highways in the State is a present and potential source of danger to life and property, and an obstacle to the increased use thereof for civilian and industrial traffic; and

WHEREAS, the existing highway system in the State is inadequate to meet any future demands for the high speed movement of troops and of defense, war and mechanical equipment; and

WHEREAS, the State has recognized the handicap of substantial water areas in the State to rapid transportation and as an aid to such rapid transportation and to the development and growth of the State has provided the means for the construction and financing of bridges and tunnels without any contribution whatever from funds of the State, but from the proceeds of sale of revenue bonds payable solely from tolls and revenues to be paid by the users of the bridges and tunnels so constructed; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of the highway system of the State by the construction of modern bridges and tunnels is only a partial solution of the problem of providing a highway system adequate to eliminate existing dangers and existing and potential insufficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a super-highway of the most modern type embodying every known safety device including