

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1943.

Approved May 6, 1943.

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CHAPTER 703.

(House Bill 299)

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Comptroller of the Treasury and the State Treasurer to release for expenditure by the State Roads Commission the accumulated receipts now held in the State Treasury, as well as those arising during the period of the present war from the "One and One-half Cent Lateral Road Gasoline Tax Fund", and authorizing said funds allocated to the counties of the State to be used for maintenance only of roads and bridges already constructed in the said counties; to provide that this Act shall continue and be in force for the period of the duration of the present war and six months thereafter; to repeal all laws or parts of law whether Public General Laws or Public Local Laws inconsistent herewith to the extent of such inconsistency for the period of the duration of the present war and six months thereafter; and to provide that this Act shall be passed as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Chapter 888 of the Acts of 1941 provided that the anticipated proceeds, less certain deductions, of the "One and One-half Cent Lateral Road Gasoline Tax Fund" should be expended one-half for new construction and one-half for maintenance of roads and bridges in the several counties; and

WHEREAS, the lack of necessary materials due to the war emergency has prevented the construction of roads as contemplated by said Chapter 888 of the Acts of 1941; and

WHEREAS, moreover by reason of gasoline and tire rationing the Gasoline Tax Revenue has declined to a point where all such revenue will probably be needed for preserving and maintaining roads and bridges already constructed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Comptroller of the Treasury and the State Treasurer be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to release the monies already accumulated at the time of the passage of this Act and credited to the account of the State Roads Commission from the "One and One-half Cent Lateral Road