

CHAPTER 834.

(House Bill 715)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads Commission", sub-title "Road Signs", said new section to be known as Section 84A, to follow immediately after Section 84 of said Article, and to authorize the State Roads Commission by resolution to post signs on certain roads and highways prohibiting traffic or reducing the weight of vehicles thereon, and providing certain penalties for the violation of this section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads Commission", sub-title "Road Signs", said new section to be known as Section 84A, to follow immediately after Section 84 of said Article, and to read as follows:

84A. (1) The State Roads Commission with respect to any road or highway under its jurisdiction or maintenance may by resolution prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any such road or highway or impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated upon any such highway, for any one period not to exceed sixty days and for a total period of not to exceed 90 days in any one calendar year, whenever any said road or highway by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced.

The State Roads Commission enacting any such resolution shall erect or cause to be erected, posted and maintained signs designating the provisions of the ordinance or resolution at each end of that portion of any road or highway affected thereby, and the resolution shall not be effective unless and until such signs are erected and posted.

(2) Any individual, firm, co-partnership, corporation or other person, whether the owner of such vehicle, the person in charge and control over the same, or employee or agent of any such who shall draw, drive, propel or in any other manner take or cause to be taken, drawn, driven or propelled over any such road or highway posted as aforesaid any motor vehicle, truck, road engine, road roller, traction engine, threshing machine or other vehicle of any kind, weighing, with or without any load which may be in or upon the same, more than the number of pounds specified on the signboard so erected at the entrance to such road or highway, or at a greater rate of speed than that