

“Revenue and Taxes”, sub-title “Gross Receipts Tax”; to amend the law relating to the taxation of railroads worked by steam and other public service corporations and contract carriers; to repeal the tax measured by the gross receipts of railroads worked by steam, under certain conditions; to exempt from taxation shares of stock in railroads worked by steam and certain other public service corporations, under certain conditions; to provide a tax for State purposes at a special rate on the operating property in this State, except land, of railroads worked by steam, under certain conditions with retroactive similar provisions at different rates of tax, under certain conditions; to define “gross receipts” and “gross earnings” and similar terms and the measure for taxation thereof, under certain conditions; and providing that the effective date of this Act shall depend, within limits, upon court determination of the unconstitutionality, invalidity or ineffectiveness of the tax measured by operating revenues of railroads worked by steam, in its application to interstate operating revenues, upon proclamation by the Governor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That sub-section (15) of Section 7 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title “Revenue and Taxes”, sub-title “What Shall Be Taxed and Where”, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that a new sub-section be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, said new Section to be known as sub-section (15) of Section 7, to follow immediately after sub-section (14) of said Section 7 of said Article, and to read as follows:

7. (15) Shares of stock in railroad companies when the operating property thereof located in this State, except land, is subject to the special State tax imposed by Section 25 (h); shares of stock in express or transportation, parlor car and sleeping car companies which are subject to taxation under Section 95 upon their operating revenues within this State; and (from State taxes only) the operating properties of express or transportation, parlor car and sleeping car companies when the revenues therefrom are subject to taxation under Section 95.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a new sub-section be added to Section 25 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supp.), title “Revenue and Taxes”, sub-title “Rate of Tax”, said new sub-section to follow immediately after sub-section (g) of said Section and said Article, and to be known as sub-section (h), said sub-section to read as follows: