

CHAPTER 408.

(Senate Bill 381)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 148, Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "State Roads," sub-title "Convict Labor," relating to employment of prison labor on road work.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 148 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "State Roads," sub-title "Convict Labor," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Convict Labor.

148. (Convict Labor.) The State Roads Commission is authorized and directed to expend a sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) a year, or as much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes of this sub-title, from the Reconstruction and Maintenance Fund to be used for the purpose of employing, on reconstruction and maintenance of State and County roads, prisoners in the penal institutions of the State which institutions are under the control and direction of the Board of Correction; and the said Board of Correction is directed to furnish the said Commission, for the above purposes, such prisoners as in its judgment may be safely utilized for such work, the Board to be the sole judge of whether such prisoners can be used for road work with maximum security.

The employment of all prisoners on road work as herein directed shall be subject to all the conditions and requirements now in force for such work, as prescribed in Article 27, Sections 799 to 813, inclusive, of the Code of Public General Laws, provided that the money to be expended hereunder shall provide for maintenance, safekeeping, transportation, and all other expenses of utilizing prison labor on the roads or for carrying out the purposes of this sub-title, including such wages as shall be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Public Works, it being understood that nothing contained herein shall prevent the State Roads Commission from spending a greater amount than named in this sub-title if, in its judgment, it shall be found to be for the best interest of the State to do so.

Provided, however, that the Board of Correction shall make arrangements for the employment of any prisoners at any camp or camps in Queen Anne's County and in any