

CHAPTER 427

(Senate Bill 133)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 161A of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "County Commissioners", sub-title "Public Roads", making said section, relating to contracts or agreements with owners of private roads for maintenance of same, applicable in Wicomico County, and relating to the terms of such contracts or agreements.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 161A of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "County Commissioners", sub-title "Public Roads", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with Amendments, to read as follows:

161A. The County Commissioners of the several counties may enter into contracts or agreements with the owners of private roads or lanes in said County, to provide for the taking over and maintaining by said county of such roads or lanes upon payment by the owner thereof to the county of an annual maintenance charge sufficient to cover the expenses of the county for the work done, and the County Commissioners of said County may provide that such maintenance charge shall be a lien on the property affected and be collected in the same manner as other county taxes on land. The provisions of this section shall apply only in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. Provided, that no such contract or agreement shall be entered into by the County Commissioners of Wicomico County unless it concerns a private road or lane upon which there are at least three bona fide dwelling houses.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.

CHAPTER 428

(Senate Bill 136)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 228(b) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Revenue and Tax-