

CHAPTER 475

(Senate Bill 399)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 22 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "State Roads," and to add a new section to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," to be known as Section 197A, and to follow immediately after Section 197 of said Article, relating to damage or injury to highways and roadbeds, constructed or being constructed or new repairs thereto, or parking strips or center parkway area and other matters relating to the protection of the State Highway System, and providing penalties for violation of said new section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 22 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "State Roads," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

22. The members of the State Roads Commission, and such of its employees and servants, as are designated by it, shall have authority to enforce all laws of this State relating to State Highways and the provisions of the motor vehicle laws applicable to the size and weight of motor vehicles, and to arrest all violators of any of the provisions of law in reference to State Highways and the use of said Highways by motor vehicles as aforesaid or violators of the regulations and orders of the State Roads Commission in relation thereto. Every such employee or servant shall, when exercising any such authority hereunder, wear and display a metallic shield or badge indicating that he is an employee or servant of the State Roads Commission of Maryland; provided, however, that no contractor, his employee or servant shall be permitted under this section to make any arrest.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," said section to be known as Section 197A, to follow immediately after Section 197 of said sub-title, so as to read as follows:

197A. Any person who shall ride, drive or walk upon any new roadbed, or new repairs of any roadbed, con-