

Funds of said County a sum not in excess of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the purpose of building an adequate road from the Dulaney Valley Road to the gates of the historic site of "Hampton".

WHEREAS, "Hampton", the famous home of the Ridgely family for more than one hundred and fifty years, has been presented by the Avalon Foundation to the nation as a National Historic Site for operation as an historic site and museum under the custody and management of the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities; and

WHEREAS, the main house on "Hampton" is the largest authentic Georgian residence now in existence in the United States and its restoration and the development and restoration of the famous gardens and grounds of "Hampton" will exhaust all available funds; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the development and maintenance of "Hampton" as a National Historic Site that there be an adequate road to the gates of "Hampton" so that the many visitors from all over the United States who are expected to visit this famous historical site may be enabled to drive to it; and

WHEREAS, it is for the benefit and advantage of Baltimore County and its people, both culturally and financially, that such an historic site be properly and fittingly maintained within its borders; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Baltimore County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to expend from the General Funds of the County the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary to build an adequate road from the Dulaney Valley Road east to the gates of "Hampton".

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

Approved April 29, 1949.

CHAPTER 650

(House Bill 745)

AN ACT to repeal Sub-sections (a) to (e), inclusive, of Section 32 of Article 39 of the Annotated Code of Maryland