SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed upon by yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 8, 1949.

## CHAPTER 74

## (Senate Bill 211)

AN ACT to authorize and direct the State Roads Commission to construct a bridge over the Patuxent River between Benedict in Charles County and Hallowing Point in Calvert County, and to provide for the cost of said bridge from the Construction Fund or the issuance of bonds, or both, and to provide for tolls over said bridge.

SECTION 1. Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State Roads Commission is hereby authorized and directed to construct a bridge, as soon as practicable, over the Patuxent River from a point at or near Benedict in Charles County to a point at or near Hallowing Point in Calvert County, but the construction of said bridge shall be started on or before January 1, 1950. The cost of the construction of said bridge may be paid by the State Roads Commission from the Construction Fund provided by paragraph (e) of Section 11 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supp.) in whole or in part. The State Roads Commission may, if in its discretion it is necessary or desirable, pay the cost of the construction of said bridge in whole or in part from the proceeds of State Highway Construction Bonds. For the purpose of paying said costs from the proceeds of said bonds, the State Roads Commission is hereby authorized to provide, by resolution, for the issuance in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) of State Highway Construction Bonds issued under the authority of and pursuant to the provisions of said Section 147G to 147P of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supp.), title "State Roads", sub-title "State Highway Construction Bonds",