

QUATE WARNING SIGNS ON U. S. ROUTE NO. 40, IN THE VICINITY OF ABERDEEN, AND TO ~~DIRECT~~ AUTHORIZE THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION TO STUDY THE NECESSITY OF WIDENING A CERTAIN SECTION OF U. S. ROUTE NO. 40, IN THE VICINITY OF ABERDEEN, AND TO COMPLETE SUCH WIDENING IF FOUND DESIRABLE, AND FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE ~~AND DIRECT~~ THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE RAILROADS AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO REACH AN EQUITABLE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF GRADE ELIMINATION STRUCTURES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

WHEREAS, U. S. ROUTE NO. 40 IS ONE OF THE MAIN ARTERIES IN THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY NET; AND

WHEREAS, NEARLY ALL TRANSIENT TRAFFIC IN MARYLAND TRAVERSES U. S. ROUTE NO. 40; AND

WHEREAS, SAID HIGHWAY PASSES THROUGH THE CENTER OF ABERDEEN IN HARFORD COUNTY AND CROSSES MARYLAND ROUTE NO. 22 IN SAID TOWN; AND

WHEREAS, SAID INTERSECTION, FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, HAS BEEN A BOTTLENECK TO TRANSIENT TRAFFIC; AND

WHEREAS, MANY ACCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED AT SAID INTERSECTION, SOME RESULTING IN FATAL INJURIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS OF SAID INTERSECTION ARE VASTLY INCREASED BY THE PROXIMITY OF GRADE CROSSINGS OF BOTH THE PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON RAILROAD AND OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD IN THE TOWN OF ABERDEEN, HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, THAT THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED ~~AND DIRECTED~~ TO CONSTRUCT ADEQUATE WARN-