

WHEREAS, By Senate Joint Resolution No. 13, adopted earlier in the 1957 Session by both Houses of the General Assembly, the State Roads Commission was directed to undertake a complete and thorough revision and resurvey of toll charges on the several toll facilities under its control; and

WHEREAS, The State Roads Commission has replied to Joint Resolution No. 13 with a long memorandum explaining in detail the background of the toll facilities and the proper procedure to be followed in making any study of a reduction in tolls; and

WHEREAS, It appears from this memorandum that before any revision can be made in tolls, the State Roads Commission must request the firm of Coverdale and Colpitts to make recommendations and such requests also must be filed with the trustee representing the bond holders; and

WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly are desirous of obtaining the required traffic survey on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge with the view of reducing the tolls for this facility; and

WHEREAS, Another possibility for keeping constant the aggregate revenues of all the toll facilities would be an increase in the toll schedules which have been discussed for the Patapsco River Tunnel perhaps by setting these tolls between thirty-five cents and fifty cents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the State Roads Commission be requested promptly to obtain a traffic survey and recommendations from the firm of Coverdale and Colpitts and do such other things as may be necessary under the trust agreement for the several toll facilities to bring about a downward revision of the toll charges on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge; and be it further

Resolved, That the State Roads Commission be directed promptly to report the results of this survey together with its recommendations to the members of the General Assembly and the Legislative Council.

Approved April 10, 1957.

No. 15

(Senate Joint Resolution 27)

Senate Joint Resolution requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a commission in cooperation with the City of Annapolis to arrange a suitable celebration for the 250th Anniversary of the granting of a Charter to the City of Annapolis.

The Members of the General Assembly of Maryland have learned with pleasure and appreciation that during the year 1958, the City, of Annapolis will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the granting of its Charter by the General Assembly of Maryland.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.