

stating that the petitioner is aggrieved by the action of the local board and desires the court to review the same. The court shall thereupon set the matter for hearing within thirty days after said petition is filed. The case shall be heard by the court without a jury. The court may admit into evidence the testimony, if any, in the hearings below; however, it shall hear the case on its merits, de novo, and determine to its own satisfaction the merits of the case and pass such order or orders thereon as justice requires. The costs shall be awarded in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved May 3, 1961.

CHAPTER 646

(Senate Bill 321)

AN ACT to add six new sections to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "State Roads", sub-title "Bridges", said new sections to be known as Sections 99A through 99F inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 99 of said Article, authorizing the State Roads Commission to participate jointly with the State of Maryland and Worcester County in the cost of constructing a bridge over Sinepuxent Bay between Assateague Island and the mainland of Worcester County in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00); authorizing the Commission to select the location, prepare the plans and specifications and supervise the construction thereof; defining certain elements of cost; providing for the charge and collection of tolls for the use of said bridge and for the application of said tolls; authorizing the Commission to enter into a contract with the Board of Public Works and Worcester County setting forth the terms, rights and obligations relating to the proposed structure and authorizing Worcester County to take such action as may be necessary to insure the construction of such structure.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That six new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "State Roads", sub-title "Bridges", said new sections to be known as Sections 99A through 99F inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 99 thereof, and to read as follows:

99A. *The State Roads Commission of Maryland (herein called the Commission) is hereby authorized and empowered to expend a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) out of funds appropriated for the construction of roads and bridges, any provisions of Section 32 (e) of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of*

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.