

*Maryland to the contrary notwithstanding, for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of constructing a bridge over Sinepuxent Bay between Assateague Island and the mainland of Worcester County and approach roads connecting thereto at a location at or near Sandy Point or other location determined by the Commission. (The bridge and the approach roads connecting thereto are herein referred to as the structure). The cost of constructing the structure, including necessary rights-of-way for the approach roads, shall be paid jointly by the Commission, Worcester County and the State of Maryland. The necessary approach roads shall be part of the Road System of Worcester County.*

*99B. The Commission is hereby authorized to prepare or have prepared all plans and specifications for the structure, advertise and receive bids, award the contract or contracts, supervise the construction, perform the inspection and do or have done all other acts necessary and desirable to assure that such structure is completed and opened to traffic at the earliest practicable date. The cost of these services shall be considered part of the cost of the structure and shall be borne by the Commission as part of its financial support toward the structure. The cost of the structure shall also include, over and above the estimated tolls to be collected and spent for that purpose, such sum as the Commission shall determine is necessary to keep the structure in proper repair and maintenance for a period of five (5) years from the opening thereof.*

*99C. The Commission is hereby authorized to provide for the charge and collection of tolls for the use of such structure at such rate or rates as the Commission shall, from time to time, determine. The rate of tolls for the various types of vehicles using such structure and the manner and method of collecting same shall be determined by the Commission, provided, however, the structure shall be a "free structure" and no tolls shall be imposed or charged until May 1, 1965. The Commission shall take such action as it deems appropriate to advise the public that tolls will be imposed on and after May 1, 1965.*

*99D. (a) The cost of the maintenance and repair of such structure shall be a first lien upon the tolls collected. If maintenance and repair should become necessary prior to the collection of tolls or if after collection has begun the cost of maintenance and repair shall exceed the amount of tolls collected, such maintenance and repair shall be made at the expense of the Commission provided the Commission shall be reimbursed as hereinafter provided. After deducting the cost of maintenance and repair and the cost of collecting the tolls, the proceeds therefrom shall be distributed as follows: the Commission shall first be reimbursed for its costs in connection with the construction of the structure, including any cost for repair and maintenance for which it was not reimbursed from toll receipts; secondly, Worcester County shall be reimbursed for such of the cost of the structure as was paid by such county toward the construction thereof and after the payment to the Commission and Worcester County as aforesaid the proceeds of the tolls shall be paid to the Comptroller of the State of Maryland to apply toward that portion of the cost of construction of the structure as was paid by the State of Maryland.*

*(b) After the cost of the structure and the cost of repair and maintenance shall have been fully paid, the structure shall be free*