

CHAPTER 176
(House Bill 322)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 313 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," to change the maximum height of a vehicle and any load thereon permitted on the highways of the State; AND RELATING TO CERTAIN DAMAGES RESULTING FROM A COLLISION BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A BRIDGE WITH A CLEARANCE LESS THAN 13'6".

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 313 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

313.

No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a height of 13 feet 6 inches PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE USERS OF HIGHWAYS ON WHICH BRIDGES WITH A CLEARANCE OF LESS THAN 13'6" ARE LOCATED SHALL SAVE HARMLESS THE OWNERS OF SUCH BRIDGES FROM ANY CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTED AGAINST SUCH OWNERS FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY COLLIDING WITH SUCH BRIDGES PROVIDED SUCH DAMAGE IS THE PROXIMATE RESULT OF THE HEIGHT OF SUCH BRIDGE OR BRIDGES [12 feet 6 inches except that motor transport carriers of automobiles including any load thereon and motor vehicles carry plate and other flat glass may be 13 feet 6 inches in height. Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the operation upon any street, road or highway in this State of a motor vehicle loaded with hay or straw in bound bales and having an over-all height when loaded not in excess of 13 feet 6 inches].

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety and, having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of 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 24, 1965.

CHAPTER 177
(House Bill 827)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 289 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Orphans' Court," as last amended