

gramming and Scheduling of Highway Projects", to follow immediately after Section 211-L of said Article, permitting the State Roads Commission to advance construction dates of certain highway construction projects if funds are available.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new Section 211-M be and it is hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Roads", subtitle "Expenditure of Commission's Funds and Programming and Scheduling of Highway Projects", to follow immediately after Section 211-L thereof, and to read as follows:*

*211-M.*

*Any highway construction project approved as provided in Sections 211-K and 211-L of this Article may, if funds are available, be advertised for bids, the contract awarded and construction commenced prior to the dates scheduled in the Commission's programs, and the Commission is authorized to pay the cost of such construction completed prior to the scheduled program dates from such funds as may be available. Provided, however, no such construction project shall be advanced if by so doing any other of the Commission's scheduled construction projects shall thereby be delayed, and provided, further, that no such construction project shall be advanced more than six months before the fiscal year in which such project was scheduled to begin.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the 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, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.*

Approved April 14, 1966.

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CHAPTER 155

(Senate Bill 444)

AN ACT to add new Section 211-N to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement), title "State Roads", subtitle "Expenditure of Commission's Funds and Programming and Scheduling of Highway Projects", said new Section to follow immediately after Section 211-M, authorizing and directing the State Roads Commission to revise and update its Twenty Year Highway Needs Study each two years beginning with the year of 1968.

WHEREAS, changing land uses and developments, and the creation and growth of the new population centers makes it desirable that highway needs studies be revised and updated from time to time, and

WHEREAS, this has been recognized by the United States Congress and as a result needs and the costs estimates of the Federal Interstate System are required to be updated each two year period in order