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No individual, corporation, firm, partnership, association, company, cooperative, joint stock company or association or any other form of business enterprise shall commence any construction of a water system or sewage disposal system for public use without the prior authorization of the Commission which shall be granted only upon a finding by the Commission that to do so is in the public interest. The applicant for such authorization shall make full disclosure to the Commission as to plans for financing the undertaking and shall have the burden of proving to the satisfaction of the Commission that the proposed construction is in the public interest. In making its determination as to the public interest the Commission shall consider the plans for financing the proposed construction and ~~any~~ SUCH other facts and circumstances ~~deemed by it to~~ AS MAY be pertinent. The Commission is authorized to revoke any authorization granted under this section after a hearing if it shall find that the revocation is in the public interest. The order of revocation may be appealed as provided in Section 91 of this article, and as further provided in Section 92, the filing of an appeal shall not stay the order of the Commission. After the issuance of any order of revocation, the water or sewer system shall not be operated until the revocation has been repealed by action of the Commission or by the final disposition of any appeal from the order of revocation. This section shall not apply to a municipality, sanitary district, or other governmental agency, nor to the construction of a water system or sewage disposal system by an individual for his own personal or private use or by a group of individuals for their joint personal or private use ~~where~~ UNLESS the Commission ~~in its discretion~~ finds that such joint use is ~~not~~ for the purpose of generally serving a proposed development of new housing.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

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CHAPTER 535

(Senate Bill 180)

AN ACT to add new Sections 236, 237 and 238 to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Roads," to follow immediately after Section 235 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Highway Beautification," relating to the restoration, preservation and enhancement of scenic beauty and the creation of rest and recreation areas within and adjacent to Federal-aid highways in the State and authorizing the State Roads Commission to acquire land for such purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 236, 237 and 238 be and they are hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume, title "State Roads," to follow immediately after Section 235 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Highway Beautification," and to read as follows: