

Commissioners", subtitle "General Provisions", to extend to the County Commissioners of Charles County specified powers enumerated in State law, and to exclude certain powers from this grant of powers to the Commissioners of Charles County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 3(a), (o), (q), (t), and (u) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Supplement), title "County Commissioners", subtitle "General Provisions", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a) The county commissioners of each county in this State, except Worcester, Kent, Caroline, (except as hereinbelow provided), Allegany, except as specifically provided in subsection (s), Prince George's, Washington, Somerset, Dorchester, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Cecil, [Charles (except as provided in subsection (bb)),] Howard, Frederick and Queen Anne's counties, in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been or may hereafter be granted them, shall have the following express powers:

(o) To provide for grading, paving, regrading, repaving, curbing, recurbing, or repairing any road or sidewalk now or hereafter condemned, ceded, opened, widened, extended or straightened as public property and for levying for the cost thereof on the assessable basis of the county or providing for the payment of the cost thereof from the county's share of the State gasoline tax; and to provide for establishing the office of county roads engineer, and defining the duties and powers thereof. *The powers of the County Commissioners of Charles County are controlled by the provisions of the local laws of the county and not by the provisions of this subsection.* IN CHARLES COUNTY THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY ROADS IS PERFORMED BY THE STATE ROADS COMMISSION AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 220, 221 AND 222 OF ARTICLE 89B OF THIS CODE, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND THE POWERS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INSOFAR AS NOT GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 89B, ARE CONTROLLED BY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 280 THROUGH 290, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF CHARLES COUNTY, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND NOT BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(q) To provide for the appointment of county police and to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation, but said commissioners may appoint a special commission or commissioner to be in charge of said county police. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable in [Wicomico County], *Charles and Wicomico counties.*

(t) To make reasonable regulations in regard to buildings and signs to be erected, constructed, or reconstructed in the county, and to grant building permits for the same; to formulate a building code, plumbing code, or electrical code and to provide for inspections for and enforcement of such codes and to require reasonable charges for permits and inspections; to authorize and require the inspection of all buildings and structures and to authorize the condem-