Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Washington, and Worcester Counties.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 513

(House Bill 453)

AN ACT to add new Section 36A to Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Service Commission Law," subtitle "Public Service Companies," to follow immediately after Section 36 thereof, to require certain locomotives operating under IN EXCESS OF a certain speed to have certain equipment within a certain time period, to require maintenance of certain records and relating to certain duties of the Public Service Commission in relation thereto.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 36A be and it is hereby added to Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Public Service Commission Law," subtitle "Public Service Companies," to follow immediately after Section 36 thereof and to read as follows:

36A.

- (a) The General Assembly of the State of Maryland finds that the safe operation of steam, diesel, electric or otherwise propelled locomotives within the State requires that all steam, diesel, electric or otherwise propelled locomotives operated in excess of fifteen miles per hour by common carriers by rail within the State be equipped with fully operable speedometers within view of the engineer or operator of such THE locomotive.
- (b) No railroad locomotive shall be operated in excess of fifteen miles per hour in this State without a speedometer or speed recorder functioning correctly within four miles per hour within the view of the engineer or operator of such THE locomotive.
- (c) A railroad is in compliance with the provisions of this section if, by the first day of October 1972, it has at least one-third of its locomotives equipped with speed indicators or speed recorders as hereinabove provided and if, by the first day of October 1973, an additional one-third of said THE locomotives shall be so equipped, and if, by the first day of October 1974, the remainder of its locomotives shall be so equipped.
- (d) Locomotives operated or used exclusively within designated yard limits in switching or transfer service, AND EXISTING MU CARS WHICH DO NOT PRESENTLY HAVE SPEEDOMETERS need not be equipped in accordance with the provisions of this section.