WHEREAS, the lack of adequate lighting and sidewalks, in addition to stagnant water standing in this open ditch between storms, creates a health and safety hazard to residents of the area; and

WHEREAS, the heavy rains and flooding associated with Hurricane Agnes in June of 1972 further reinforced the need for immediate action to correct the aforementioned conditions and to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of this area; now, therefore

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 211R be and it is hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "State Roads," subtitle "Expenditure of Commission's Funds and Programming and Scheduling of Highway Projects," to follow immediately after Section 211Q thereof, and to read as follows:

211R.

THE OFFICIAL "TWENTY-YEAR HIGHWAY NEEDS STUDY" OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IS AMENDED TO SHOW THE NEED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MARYLAND ROUTE 150, KNOWN AS EASTERN BOULEVARD, BETWEEN THE 1600 BLOCK OF EASTERN BOULEVARD AND THE INTERSECTION OF EASTERN **BENNET** BALTIMORE BOULEVARD AT ROAD IN COUNTY, MARYLAND. THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WHICH UNDERTAKEN AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 507

(House Bill 81)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 20 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Deaf, Mute or Blind," subtitle "Public Assistance to the Needy Blind"; to repeal Section 72 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Social Services Administration," subtitle "Old Age Assistance"; and to add a new Section 62A to Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume, 1972 Supplement), title "Social Services Administration," to follow immediately after Section 62 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Funeral Expenses," to provide for other factors to be considered by a local unit in determining whether reasonable funeral expenses should be paid for the blind recipient; to repeal the provision for funeral expenses to be paid for recipients of benefits under the Old Age Assistance Act; and to provide for the payment of reasonable funeral expenses for recipients of benefits under certain programs of the Social Services Administration, and the Federal Supplemental Security Income Program; and stating the effect of this Act upon certain other laws.