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CHAPTER 260

(Senate Bill 945)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 149(b) of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "State Roads," subtitle "Bonds, Notes or Other Evidence of Indebtedness," subheading "John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway Revenue Bonds," to require that any lessee of a service station on the Kennedy Memorial Highway accept in payment for products sold the credit cards of all major oil companies. products sold and services rendered such credit cards as directed by the Maryland Transportation Authority.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 149(b) of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "State Roads," subtitle "Bonds, Notes or Other Evidence of Indebtedness," subheading "John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway Revenue Bonds," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

149.

(b) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section, the Commission may, by resolution passed prior to the issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of this subheading or in the trust agreement securing such bonds, covenant to pay all or any part of the cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the Expressway, and, inasmuch as the Expressway will at all times belong to the State, such covenant will have the force of contract between the State and the holders of such revenue bonds.

The Commission is hereby authorized to fix, revise, charge and collect, tolls for the use of each turnpike project and the different parts or sections thereof, and to contract with any person, partnership, association or corporation desiring the use of any part thereof, including the right of way adjoining the paved portion, for placing thereon telephone, telegraph, electric light or power lines, gasoline stations, garages, stores, hotels, and restaurants, or for any other purpose except for tracks for railroad or railway use, and to fix the terms, conditions, rents and rates of charge for such use.

Provided, however, that the Commission shall construct any gasoline service facilities which it may determine are needed on the project, and provided further, that to afford users of the project a reasonable choice of motor fuels manufactured, produced or marketed by different companies, each such gasoline service station shall be separately offered for lease upon sealed bids, and after notice of the offer has been published once a week in three successive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in this State; and in order to promote competition and prevent monopolies, a sufficient number of gasoline service stations not less than two in number may be established in each service area along any Expressway, and the fuel products offered for sale and sold on said Expressway shall be sold at not more than the price prevailing for said products at service stations adjacent to and in the vicinity of said Expressway.] , AND THE LESSEE OF ANY SERVICE STATION SO ESTABLISHED SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT [THE CREDIT CARDS OF ALL MAJOR OIL