

shall take effect [[January 1, 1975]] June 1, 1974.

Approved May 31, 1974.

CHAPTER 832

(House Bill 1608)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Transportation - Railroad Grade Crossings

FOR the purpose of providing for the centralized and uniform control by the Secretary of Transportation of the construction, reconstruction or certain other modifications of railroad grade crossings and of changes in crossing protection equipment; requiring that railroads and certain public authorities, after a hearing, make application to, and receive approval by, the Secretary of Transportation prior to undertaking certain such projects; providing for the approval or disapproval by the Secretary of Transportation of a proposed project; providing for the imposition of certain requirements by him to insure public safety; providing that the authority of the Secretary of Transportation shall be exclusive; and relating generally to the construction, reconstruction or other modification of railroad grade crossings and of changes in crossing protection equipment and to the uniform control thereof by the Secretary of Transportation.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative
Departments

Section 208E

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Public safety at railroad grade crossings is a major national and State safety problem; and

WHEREAS, In the State of Maryland there are approximately 1,059 public grade crossings, of which only 304 have active protection, and numerous private grade crossings have no protection whatsoever; and