squad member who is killed in the performance of duties on or after January 1, 1980. The amount of the benefit shall be \$25,000[, less any amount received by that person from:

(i) Any lump-sum death benefit payable by the State or any political subdivision, exclusive of any return of contributions, or,

(ii) The present value of any benefit
payable under the provisions of Article 73B, § 11(11)(b) of
the Code].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 12, 1981.

CHAPTER 351

(House Bill 224)

AN ACT concerning

Transportation and Highway System Priorities

FOR the purpose of establishing a legislative policy requiring the State Department of Transportation and the State Highway Administration to give---highway maintenance,--safety,--modification,--and--mass-transit priority-ever-new-highway--construction make certain determinations before proceeding to final project planning; and incorporating the policy into the definition of "highway--needs--inventory" "initial project planning phase".

BY adding to

Article - Transportation Section 8-102 Annotated Code of Maryland (1977 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation Section 8-610(e) 8-610(h) Annotated Code of Maryland (1977 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: