

mates \$35,000,000. The Legislature of 1927 authorized loans in the amount of \$2,125,000 for road construction and \$1,000,000 for the construction of bridges. This Legislature also authorized an increase of two cents in the gas tax; one and a half cents to provide for the construction of Lateral Roads and one-half cent for the elimination of grade crossings. (Acts 1927—Ch. 454, Ch. 47, Ch. 118, and Ch. 327.)

Funds for the maintenance of State highways are provided from the receipts of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles from license fees, etc. The Legislature of 1922 passed an Act to impose a tax of 2 cents per gallon on gasoline on and after January 1, 1924, in lieu of the present license fees or a part of same imposed on motor vehicles. (Acts 1922, Chapter 522.)

The following statement gives in condensed form the work accomplished by the State Roads Commission:

Total mileage completed roads to December 31, 1919.....	1,511.45
Mileage completed during 1920.....	154.64
Mileage completed during 1921.....	158.08
Mileage completed during 1922.....	86.53
Mileage completed during 1923.....	184.84
Mileage completed during 1924.....	151.72
Mileage completed during 1925.....	181.76
Mileage completed during 1926.....	111.37
Mileage completed during 1927.....	105.46
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Total mileage completed roads.....	2,643.56
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Total mileage concrete shoulders December 31, 1920.....	70.89
Mileage concrete shoulders completed during 1921.....	14.56
Mileage concrete shoulders completed during 1922.....	9.00
Mileage concrete shoulders completed during 1923.....	22.08
Mileage concrete shoulders completed during 1924.....	24.07
Mileage concrete shoulders completed during 1925.....	100.82
Mileage concrete shoulders completed during 1926.....	91.07
Mileage concrete shoulders completed during 1927.....	89.96
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Total mileage concrete shoulders.....	422.45
One way bridges eliminated.....	76
Grade crossings eliminated by relocation or by the construction of overhead crossings.....	14

## THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Guilford Avenue and 21st Street, Baltimore.

(Term Expires May, 1929.)

Name:	Postoffice.
Commissioner:	
E. Austin Baughman.....	Frederick, Md.
Deputy Commissioner:	
D. Marshall Schroeder.....	Frederick, Md.
Registrar of Titles:	
William G. Noble.....	Arnold, Md.
Captain of State Police:	
Harry C. Butler.....	Grantsville

The Commissioner exercises, subject to review by the Courts, entire jurisdiction over titling, registration and licensing of all motor vehicles owned or operating continuously within the State. He has jurisdiction and, subject to review by the Courts, sole authority in the examination, qualifications and licensing of all persons operating motor vehicles continuously within the State. Reciprocity with other States gives to owners and drivers of cars coming into Maryland a period of