

## CHAPTER 332.

AN ACT to provide for the employment on the public streets and highways of St. Mary's county of a certain class of prisoners who may be confined in the jail of St. Mary's county under sentence imposed by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, or any of the justices of the peace for said county having criminal jurisdiction.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sheriff of St. Mary's county or his jailor, upon the demand of the bailiff of any incorporated town in said county, or of any supervisor of any public road of said county, or other person duly authorized to superintend the repairing of the public streets of said town, or the public roads of said county, is hereby authorized and required to deliver to such person or official, any male prisoner over sixteen years of age, or under fifty years of age, who may be confined in said jail under sentence imposed by the Circuit Court or any justice of the peace of said county, in any case of drunkenness, disorderly conduct, disturbing the public peace, vagrancy, petty larceny, carrying concealed weapons, gaming or playing at crap, in order that said bailiff or supervisor or other official in charge of said public streets or highways may employ such prisoner on the public roads of St. Mary's county, or on the public streets of any incorporated town of said county.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the employment provided for in the preceding section shall be performed, if within the corporate limits of any incorporated town, under the supervision and discretion of the Town Commissioners and bailiff of such town, and if on the public roads of St. Mary's county, then under the direction and supervision of the County Commissioners or the road supervisor of any district who may be authorized by the County Commissioners to work same, and the labor performed by such prisoners may include every service necessary for the purpose of draining, grading, shelling, paving or repairing such public streets or other highways of St. Mary's county within or without the limits of any incorporated town therein.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the officer or other person having such prisoners in charge shall have the power and authority to compel such labor, and shall be responsible for the safety and return to prison of such convicts to the custody of the sheriff at the end of each day's labor, which day's labor shall be within the discretion of the officer or other person so supervising at the time, but shall not exceed ten hours' work or labor for any day he may be so employed; no prisoner shall be