

WHEREAS, through error, inadvertence or otherwise the official "needs study" of the State Roads Commission, when presented to the 1964 Session of the General Assembly and as approved by the Chairman of the State Roads Commission, provided that U. S. Route 13 between Westover and the Worcester County Line in Somerset County be constructed as an open access highway, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that in the interest of safety this section of highway should be constructed as a Controlled Access Arterial Highway, particularly since it is a direct connection to the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Project in Virginia, and

WHEREAS, this section of highway is not scheduled for construction as a four lane divided highway with control of access during the current two year highway construction program thus leaving a "bottleneck" which results in creating an extremely dangerous traffic condition on this highway which is one of the main arteries of travel between the north and the south through Maryland, and

WHEREAS, through error, inadvertence or otherwise, such official "needs study" provided that the proposed Northern Thruway from Interstate Route 95 to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, in Harford County, be constructed as a two lane highway whereas traffic needs require that such highway be constructed as a four lane divided highway with control of access and with an interchange at U. S. Route 40.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That two new sections be and are hereby added to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "State Roads", sub-title "Expenditure of Commission's Funds and Programming and Scheduling of Highway Projects", said new sections to be known as Sections 211 H(1) and 211 H(2) of said Article, to follow immediately after Section 211 H, and to read as follows:

*211 H(1).*

*In order to promote the safety of the traveling public and to make available the use of the highway as soon as is practicable the State Roads Commission is authorized, notwithstanding the design as shown in the official "needs study" of the State Roads Commission and the construction schedule shown in the present State Roads Commission highway construction program, to construct U. S. Route 13 between Westover and the Worcester County Line in Somerset County, as a controlled access four lane divided highway. The Commission is authorized to so construct such highway in part or parts, or in its entirety, from available funds or from funds which may become available for such purpose.*

*211 H(2).*

*In order to promote the safety of the traveling public and to make available the use of the highway as soon as is practicable, the State Roads Commission is authorized, notwithstanding the design as shown in the official "needs study" of the State Roads Commission and the construction schedule shown in the present State Roads Commission Highway Construction Program, to construct the proposed Northern Thruway from Interstate Route 95 to the Aberdeen*