Militia of this or any other States, officers of the independent military organizations as designated in this Article, members of associations wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the service of the United States, and members of the Confederate Veterans or like societies, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace having criminal jurisdiction of the city or county wherein such offense was committed, or by the Circuit Court of the county wherein such offense was committed, or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, should the accused party prefer a jury trial, shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for each and every offense, and in default of the payment of the fine and costs, shall be committed to the jail of the county or city, as the case may be, until such fine and costs are paid, provided, that said term of imprisonment shall not exceed thirty days for each offense; such fines shall be paid to the Ranking Line Officer of the State, who shall apply the same to the use of the Organized Militia.

45. Any person who shall wilfully and unlawfully misapply or convert to his own use any money or other property belonging to said Organized Militia, or any organization thereof, or who shall, when lawfully called upon to do so by the proper officer, fail or refuse to pay or deliver to said officer any money or property in his possession, or for which the said person was chargeable or accountable, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace having criminal jurisdiction of the city or county wherein such offense was committed, or by the Circuit Court of the county wherein such offense was committed, or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, should the accused party prefer a jury trial, shall be fined a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, or sentenced to imprisonment in jail for a period not exceeding one year, or he shall be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the Court.

46. No person belonging to the Organized Militia, shall be arrested on any process except such as may be issued by military authority, while going to, remaining at, or returning from any place at which he may be required to attend for military duty.

It shall be unlawful for the owner, or the owner's agent, whatever may be the latter's designation, of any place of amusement or of recreation, otherwise opened to the general public, admission to which is free or otherwise, to refuse admission to or exclude from the said place of amusement or of recreation, any officer or enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue Cutter Service, the Organized Militia of this State or of any State, Territory and of the District of Columbia, by reason of such officer or enlisted man being in uniform, and any such owner, or agent aforesaid, who, upon conviction before a court of criminal jurisdiction, shall be found guilty of a violation of the provision of this section shall be deemed and he is hereby declared to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both in the discretion of the court.

47. Members of the Organized Militia ordered into the active service of the State by proper authority shall not be liable civilly or criminally for any act or acts done by them while in the discharge of their duty. When a suit or proceeding shall be commenced in any court by any person against any officer of the Organized Militia for any act done by such officer in his official capaciiy in the discharge of any duty under this Article, or against any person acting under the authority or order of any such officer, or by virtue of any warrant issued by him pursuant to the law, the court shall require the person prosecuting or instituting the suit or proceeding to file security for the payment of costs that may be awarded to the defendant therein, and the defendant in all cases may make a general denial and give the special matter in evidence. In case the plaintiff shall be non-suited, or have a verdict or judgment rendered against him, the defendant shall recover treble costs.

48. Every member of the Organized Militia shall be exempt from jury duty, provided he shall present certificate of his immediate commanding officer to the effect that he has performed the duties required of him for the year immediately preceding the summons to act as juryman, and every such member who shall have received a full and honorable discharge shall be exempt for the three years next succeeding his discharge, from all jury duty. Every regiment or separate organization of the Organized Militia of this State may receive and have as many honorary members as it has active and uniformed members, on payment in advance by each person desiring to become such honorary member, of not less than ten dollars per annum, which money shall be received by the commanding officer of the regiment or separate organization, and be by him applied to a special fund of such organization and expended by the commanding officer for the best interests of his organization, and the commanding officer of every regiment and separate organization, shall, on or before the first day of June and December in each and every year, render to the Ranking Line Officer an account of the money so received and expended by him, and every such honorary member shall be entitled to receive a certificate of honorary membership of the said regiment or separate organization, to be signed by the commanding officer thereof, or some officer designated by him for that purpose, and bearing the date of its issue, which certificate shall exempt the said honorary member from petit jury duty, for one year from the date of the issue of the said certificate, providing the same be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City or the Clerk of the Circuit Court of any county before the drawing of the jury.

49. Any member of the Organized Militia of this State, going to and returning from any parade, encampment, drill or other meeting which he may be required by law to attend, shall, together with his conveyance and military property, be allowed to pass through all toll gates, and over all toll roads, bridges and ferries, free of charge, if he presents an order for duty or certificate of membership.

50. The commanding officer upon any occasion of duty, may place in arrest during the continuance thereof, any persons who shall trespass upon any camp ground, parade ground, armory or other place devoted to such duty, or who shall in any way or manner interrupt or molest the orderly discharge of duty by those under arms, or who shall disturb or prevent the passage of troops going to or returning from any duty; he may prohibit and prevent the sale or use of all spirituous liquors, wines, ale or beer, the holding of huckster or auction sales and all gambling within the limits of the post, camp grounds, place of encampment, parade or drill, under his command.

51. Wherever the words "National Guard," "Militia," "Organized Militia," or "Military forces" appear in this Act they shall be construed to cover the Naval Militia or Naval forces of this State, wherever applicable and wherever the words "Army Regulations," "Secretary of War," or similar words appear they shall be construed to read "Navy Regulations," "Secretary of the Navy," etc., in all matters pertaining to the Naval forces of the State.

52. Any and all sections of the National Defense Act, as amended and regulations made in pursuance thereof, applicable to the Militia of Maryland or any part thereof, shall be considered as a part of this Act in all respects as though written herein.

53. Regiments, battallions, and separate organizations may, with the consent of the Governor, adopt a full-dress uniform of their own and at their own expense.

54. No section or provision of this Article, or any part thereof, shall be deemed to be repealed, altered or amended by any statute passed by the Legislature, unless such statute explicitly refers to this Article as the Militia Law, or by its other titles, as part of the general laws of the State, and explicitly repeals, alters or amends the same or some part thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Article are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety, and being passed upon a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER NO. 494

AN ACT to authorize and empower a Commission to acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, the bridge over the Susquehanna River between Havre de Grace and Perryville used for vehicular and foot passenger traffic, with the approaches, easements, land, roads, rights and franchises, belonging to any person or corporation necessary or convenient for the purposes specified, and to authorize the creation of a State debt in the aggregate amount of seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000.00) or such thereof as is necessary for the acquisition of said bridge, and providing generally for the issue and sale of certificates of indebtedness evidencing said loan to carry out the provisions of this Act, and fixing certain regulations regarding the maintenance of said bridge and tolls thereon after it has been acquired.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the State Roads Commission of Maryland be and it is hereby authorized and empowered, in the exercise of the power conferred by Section 48 of Article 91 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and in no way in limitation of the power so conferred, to acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise (and when so acquired to maintain) the bridge over the Susquehanna River between Havre de Grace, in Harford County, and Perryville, in Cecil County, used for vehicular and foot passenger traffic, together with all lands, roads, approaches, rights, franchises and easements belonging to any person or corporation, and necessary or convenient for the purposes specified in said Section 48 of Article 91 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; provided, that the price, whether fixed by agreement as hereinafter provided or by condemnation, shall not exceed the sum of six hundred ninety thousand dollars ($690,000.)

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Chairman of the State Roads Commission, a member of the Public Service Commission, and the Attorney-General of Maryland be and they are hereby constituted a Commission for the purposes of this Section, and said Commission is herewith authorized to make an offer on behalf of the State of Maryland in a Sum not exceeding Six Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars ($690,000) to the Havre de Grace and Perryville Bridge Company a body corporate (or to its successors in interest) for the said bridge, land, roads, approaches, rights, franchises and easements of said Company (or its successors in interest) and if said Havre de Grace and Perryville Bridge Company (or its successors in interest) shall in writing accept within twenty days thereafter said offer of the State of Maryland and shall give said State of Maryland a written option of purchase for ninety days at a sum not exceeding Six Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars ($690,000) then the Board of Public Works, as hereinafter directed shall upon notification of the receipt of said option by the Chairman of the State Roads Commission, at once proceed to sell said Bonds as hereinafter directed for the purpose of acquiring by purchase said bridge, land, roads, approaches, rights, franchises, and easements. But if said Havre de Grace and Perryville Bridge Company (or its successors in interest) shall fail to accept the offer on behalf of the State of Maryland and fail to give the written option as hereinbefore mentioned, then the said Commission is hereby authorized to acquire said bridge, land, roads, approaches, rights, franchise, and easements by condemnation in accordance with the provisions of Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland by proceedings instituted in either the Circuit Court for Harford County or the Circuit Court for Cecil County, as the said State Roads Commission shall elect: provided, that the cost of the said property shall not exceed the sum of Six hundred and ninety thousand dollars ($690,000); and further provided, that the State Roads Commission of Maryland shall forthwith institute the condemnation herein referred to, if any of the things to be done or agreed upon in this section are not attained within the time limit or limits herein set forth.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of raising the money necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, a loan is hereby created to be known as the "Susquehanna Bridge Loan of 1922" to an amount not to exceed seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000). Said loan shall be dated with a date of thirty (30) days after the date on which a price is determined for the purchase of said bridge, either by agreement, condemnation, or otherwise, and shall bear interest at a rate fixed by the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the State, or a majority of them, not to exceed four and one-half (4½) per centum per annum, and the said interest shall be paid semi-annually, and the said loan and every part thereof, and the interest payable thereon, shall be and remain exempt from State, county and municipal taxation, and the principal amount of said loan shall be paid upon the serial annuity plan hereinafter specified, and all within fourteen (14) years after the issuance thereof.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in issuing the certificates of indebtedness for said loan as herein provided in Section 3, the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer of this State, or a majority of them, shall issue said certificates according to what is known as the serial annuity plan, and each series as issued shall be lettered, beginning with the letter "A" and so down the alphabet until the said amount of seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000) or so much thereof as it may be necessary to issue shall have been issued, so that the entire principal shall be redeemable as follows:

Series A—$50,000 1 year from date fixed for said loan.

Series B—$50,000 2 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series C—$50,000 3 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series D—$50,000 4 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series E—$50,000 5 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series F—$50,000 6 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series G—$50,000 7 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series H—$50,000 8 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series I—$50,000 9 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series J—$50,000 10 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series K—$50,000 11 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series L—$50,000 12 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series M—$50,000 13 years from date fixed for said loan.

Series N—$50,000 14 years from date fixed for said loan.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Treasurer, constituting the Board of Public Works, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and directed to have prepared proper certificates of indebtedness of the State in good and sufficient form to aggregate the amount of seven hundred thousand dollars ($700,000.00), or so much hereof as may be necessary for the purpose of this Act, as evidence of such loan; such certificates of indebtedness shall bear date as of the time of their issue as provided in Section 3 of this Act, and shall not be issued in less sums than one hundred dollars ($100.00) or any multiple thereof. Each of said certificates shall be signed by the Treasurer of the State and countersigned by the Comptroller of the Treasury, and shall bear interest at the rate fixed by resolution of said Board of Public Works, payable semi-annually, and a portion or all of said certificates may be registered, and the said certificates, or any portion thereof, shall have interest coupons attached, all as the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Treasurer or a majorty of them, shall determne.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in order to provide for the selling of the certificates of indebtedness aforesaid, to be issued under the provisions of this Act, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer of this State, or a majority of them, are hereby directed to advertise twice a week for four successive weeks before the said certificates of indebtedness, or any part thereof, shall be issued, in two newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, that the Treasurer of this State will be in readiness at a time within (15) days after the expiration of said notice to receive bids at such place or places may be named in said respective advertisements for bonds or certificates of indebtedness issued under the provisions of this Act, under such regulations as may be made in the discretion of the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Treasurer, or a majority of them; and the accrued interest between the date of the bonds or certificates of indebtedness and the time of sale and delivery of and payment for said bonds or certificates of indebtedness shall be adjusted with the purchaser thereof under such regulations as may be made in the discretion of the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Treasurer, or a majority of them; and upon the day mentioned in said advertisement as the day for opening the bids or the proposals thereby called for they shall receive such sealed proposals for the purchase of as many of such bonds or certificates of indebtedness as may be mentioned or designated in said advertisements; and on the opening of such sealed proposals, as many of said bonds or certificates of indebtedness as have been so bid for shall be awarded by the majority of them to the highest responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash, if the prices bid are adequate, in the judgment of the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Treasurer, or a majority of them, and when two or more bidders have made the same bid and such bid is the highest and the certificates so bid for by the highest responsible bidders are in excess of the whole amount of the certificates so offered for sale, such bonds or certificates of indebtedness shall be awarded to such highest responsible bidders bidding the same price in a ratable proportion; and if any of said certificates so offered for sale are not bid for, or if any insufficient price be bid for them, they may be subsequently disposed of under the direction of the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and Treasurer, or a majority of them, at a private sale upon the best terms they can obtain for the same; provided they shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid by the Treasurer of this State upon the warrant of the Comptroller out of the proceeds of the sale of bonds or certificates of indebtedness, for the payment of the expense of engraving, printing and other outlays connected with the issue of the loan hereby authorized and for the payment of the advertising directed by this Act, and all other incidental expenses in connection with the execution of its provisions pertaining to said loan.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the actual cash proceeds of the sale of the certificates of indebtedness to be issued under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer of the State, and such proceeds shall be used exclusively for the following purposes, to wit: The Comptroller shall immediately upon the sale of and payment for said bonds or certificates of indebtedness first return to and credit the Treasury for whatever advances or payments may have been made as provided for by Section 7 of this Act. The remainder of the proceeds of said loan shall be turned over or credited to the State Roads Commission, and by it used, expended and applied in accordance with the provisions of this Act for the acquisition by purchase, condemnation or otherwise of the bridge across the Susquehanna River between Havre de Grace, in Harford County, and Perryville, Cecil County, together with all land, roads, approaches, rights, franchises and easements belonging to any person or corporation and necessary or convenient for the purposes specified in Section 48 of Article 91 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Any unexpended balance which may remain shall be credited to the retirement fund for said Loan.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to pay the interest on the said bonds or certificates of indebtedness, and to assist in retiring the principal of said loan, the State of Maryland pledges the full faith and credit and for these and the further purpose of maintaining said bridge, and appurtenances thereto, the State Roads Commission shall upon its acquisition charge such tolls to the users of said bridge for vehicular traffic to be fixed by the State Roads Commission of Maryland, but not to exceed the limits herein mentioned. No charge for pedestrian traffic. Sheep or Swine, each .05. Horses, Mules and Cattle, each (Drivers Extra) .10. Wagon or Carriage, empty drawn by one man .10. Wagon or carriage, empty, attached to wagon drawn by one or more horses .10. Wagon loaded, two or four wheels, attached to wagon drawn by one horse .15. Wagon, loaded two or four wheel, attached to wagon drawn by two or more horses .20. Wagon loaded or empty, two or four wheels, drawn by one horse, with driver .20. Wagon, loaded or empty two or four wheels drawn by two horses, with driver .30. Wagon, loaded or empty, four wheels, drawn by three horses, with driver .35. Wagon, loaded or empty, four wheels, drawn by four horses, with driver .45. Wagon, loaded or empty, four wheels, drawn by five horses, with driver .50. Wagon loaded or empty, four wheels drawn by six horses, with driver .60. Carriage, pleasure, two or four wheels, drawn by one horse, with driver .15. Carriage, pleasure, four wheels, drawn by two horses, with driver .25. Carriage, pleasure, four wheels, drawn by four horses with driver .45. Passenger in all vehicles in excess of the driver .05. each Bicycle and rider .10. Motorcycle and driver .25. Automobile, pleasure, with driver .60. Commercial motor vehicles and trucks, not more than one ton carrying capacity, loaded or empty, with driver .75. Commercial motor vehicles and trucks, more than one ton and not over two carrying capacity, loaded or not empty, with driver each 1.00. Commercial motor vehicles and trucks more than two tons and not over three tons carrying capacity, loaded or empty, with driver each 1.50. Commercial motor vehicles and trucks more than three tons and not over four tons carrying capacity, loaded or empty, each with driver 2.00. Commercial motor vehicle and trucks, more than four tons and not over five tons carrying capacity, loaded or empty, each with driver 2.50. Motor or other vehicles of weight or carrying capacity over five tons are subject to special regulations and toll, if allowed to cross at rate of fifty cents per ton based upon actual weight but in no event less than 3.50. The State Roads Commission is hereby authorized and directed to issue commutation tickets for such terms and for such amounts as it may deem wise, at prices lower than generally charged for single passage over said bridge. The revenue derived from said tolls to be used for the redemption and for the interest on said loan, then for the maintenance of said bridge, and any amount over and above the cost of said redemption, interest and maintenance remaining from the tolls collected, shall be paid into the retirement fund for said loan annually, and a report made to the legislature of Maryland setting forth the receipts and expenditures in connection with said bridge and a report of its condition. Upon the payment of the principal of the loan of said bonds or certificates of indebtedness outstanding, no further charge for the use of said bridge shall be laid or collected, except the tolls not to exceed twenty cents on all motor vehicles.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the State Roads Commission shall annually consider the amount of tolls collected, the expense of maintenance, the annual interest and annual amount of loan to be retired and shall reduce said tolls accordingly, if possible, so that none shall be charged other than sufficient to pay for the annual maintenance, annual interest and annual retirement of said loan, and after the retirement of all of said loan then only as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That this and all parts, thereof are to be construed in its entirety, the conditions therein depending one upon the other and each section depending one upon the other in order that its intent may be carried out, and after the acquisition of said bridge by purchase or otherwise it shall be under the control, regulation and jurisdiction of the State Roads Commission of Maryland, and all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, giving any other body or State department supervision, jurisdiction, regulation, or control of the said bridge, be and the same are hereby repealed as of the date that is purchased by the State of Maryland, in so far as the bridge mentioned is concerned.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That this is an emergency law, necessary for the health, preservation and safety of the citizens of the State of Maryland, and on account of the inconvenience, hindrance, and expense of all traffic and business now existent because of the high tolls on said bridge, and three-fifths (3-5) of the members of the General Assembly concurring therein, shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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