a higher fee or imposing restrictions upon licensees of residents in Maryland as a condition of doing well drilling business in the other state or subdivision, then the Board shall require that all residents of such state be charged the higher license fee and meet the same restrictions as a condition of doing business in this State.

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Any person who shall engage in the business of a driller with respect to any well for which a licensed well driller is required without having obtained a license, as provided for in this subtitle shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each and every violation. Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

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If any provision of this subtitle or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this subtitle which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, all provisions of this subtitle are declared to be severable.

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ANY PERSON VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A MISDE-MEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION THEREOF SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH AND EVERY SUCH VIOLATION.

- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That existing well driller licenses shall continue in effect and shall be renewed by the Board without examination upon application therefor and payment of the fee prescribed in Section 1 of this Act. The Department of Water Resources shall continue to issue licenses until September 1, 1968, after which the Board shall assume jurisdiction. Any license revocation or suspension proceeding by the Board may involve violations of this Act on and after the effective date but need not be heard until after September 1, 1968.
- SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.
- SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 585

(Senate Bill 489)

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State debt in the aggregate amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000), the proceeds thereof to be used for aiding in the acquisition of a