

The petition in the first instance shall be directed to the State Board of Health and, upon the approval of the plans by the State Board of Health, the said Board of Health shall promptly report the petition to the Board of Public Works, together with its report that the project has been approved both by the Surgeon General of the United States or other lawful Federal authority under the provisions of said Subchapter IV, as amended from time to time, and also by the State Department of Health, and that the Board of Public Works should make available the necessary matching funds as provided hereunder. For projects in which only State funds are to be used, the said Board of Health shall promptly report the petition to the Board of Public Works, together with its report that the project has been approved by the State Department of Health, and that the Board of Public Works should make available the necessary funds as provided hereunder.

(d) The Board of Public Works shall make allocations from monies available under this Act as follows:

(1) To every nursing home receiving such a Federal grant a supplementary sum toward the cost of the same project, subject to the limitation that the State and Federal grants combined shall not exceed $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of the total construction and equipment costs of any nursing home; or

(2) To every nursing home eligible for grants under this Act, when Federal funds are not available, subject to the limitations cited in subsection (c) of this section.

The Board shall certify the allocation of State funds to the Treasurer of the State, and the Treasurer shall make them available to the nursing home when needed for the construction of the project.

[(a)] (e) The Board of Public Works is authorized, in its discretion, to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for receiving such petitions from public and other nonprofit nursing homes in this State and for the consideration of petitions and disbursing of the funds to the petitioning public and other nonprofit nursing homes, within the spirit and intent of this Act.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That, until all of the interest on and principals of any Certificates issued under this Act have been paid in full, there is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessable property at the rate to be determined in the following manner: On or before May 1, 1969, and on or before May 1st of each fiscal year thereafter, the Board of Public Works shall certify to the governing bodies of each of the Counties and of Baltimore City the rate of State tax on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessable property *necessary to produce revenue to meet all interest and principal which will* be payable to the close of the next ensuing fiscal year on all Certificates theretofore issued [on] or therefore authorized by resolution of the Board of Public Works to be issued, and the governing bodies of each of the Counties and Baltimore City shall forthwith levy and collect such a tax at such a rate.

All matters committed by this Act to the discretion of the Board of Public Works shall be determined by a majority of said Board.