ty-five cents, for ordinary licenses, erroneously paid to the State.

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## CHAPTER 308.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to purchase the whole or any part of the second preferred mortgage bonds and coupons of the Western Maryland Railroad Company, and funded certificates representing such coupons, and to issue its stock of certificates of indebtedness so far as may be necessary for the said object, to an amount not exceeding the sum of four hundred thousand dollars.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be and it is hereby authorized and em- City authorpowered to purchase the whole or any part of the chase bonds of the Western Maryland Railroad Company issued under the mortgage of said company, known as the second preferred mortgage, and also the coupons issued with said bonds, whether detached or not detached, and the funding certificates issued for such coupons, at such price as may be agreed upon between the said company and the Finance Commissioners of said city.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That in order to enable the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to purchase the said bonds, coupons and certificates, it cates of inis hereby authorized to issue its certificates of in-debtedness debtedness, commonly known as city stock, to an amount not exceeding the sum of four hundred thousand dollars, upon such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may hereafter provide by ordinance; but no part thereof shall be issued, nor shall any