

relating to the crime of rape, as now in force in this State; provided, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to male persons under the age of eighteen years.

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CHAPTER 219.

AN ACT to provide for the refunding and extension of certain debts of this State, which are now payable or redeemable, or will become redeemable in the years eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, nineteen hundred, nineteen hundred and one, nineteen hundred and three, and nineteen hundred and five, in so far as such debts may remain unpaid on the first day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight; and for the issue of State stock or certificates of indebtedness, for the purpose of providing three hundred thousand dollars for the completion of the Maryland Penitentiary; eighty thousand dollars for the erection of new buildings at the House of Correction; two hundred and twenty thousand dollars for the erection of additional buildings at Second Hospital for the Insane; and three hundred thousand dollars for the purchase of a site and the erection of an armory building for the Fifth Regiment Infantry, Maryland National Guard.

WHEREAS, Bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this State issued under the Acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-two, chapter two hundred and eighty-nine; eighteen hundred and eighty-six, chapter four hundred and forty-nine; eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, chapter two hundred and one; and eighteen hundred and ninety, chapter three hundred and five; and amounting in the aggregate to four million nine hundred and sixty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars are outstanding; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to provide for the extension of so much of the said several debts, so issued as aforesaid, at a rate of interest not higher than three per centum per annum, as may remain unpaid on the first day of October, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, in case where the holders of any such bonds or certificates of indebtedness may desire to extend the time of payment of the debts evidenced thereby at such rate of interest, and to take up and pay such parts of the