

half per centum, payable semi-annually, and for which proper interest coupons shall be attached to said bonds; said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor of the City of Cumberland and shall be duly attested by the City Clerk, with the corporate seal of the City thereunto attached.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of paying the interest upon said bonds and retiring them at maturity, said Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall assess against the assessable property in the City of Cumberland in each year during the continuance of said bonds a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest thereon, and a further sum annually to be paid to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the City of Cumberland sufficient for the purpose of finally retiring said bonds when they mature. And it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to invest such sum so paid to them for said purpose, together with all interest which may accrue, in proper securities, and they shall have power to purchase bonds issued hereunder for said Sinking Fund.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland immediately after the passage of this Act shall cause an advertisement to be inserted in two newspapers printed and circulated in the City of Cumberland once a week for not less than two consecutive weeks, asking for bids upon said bonds and stating the time and place where said bids will be opened; said bids shall be filed with the City Clerk and at the time advertised shall be opened by him in the presence of the Mayor and City Council in public meeting, and thereafter it shall sell said bonds to the highest responsible bidder or bidders, but the Mayor and City Council shall have, for good cause shown, the right to reject any and all bids, and in the event of such rejection it shall re-advertise for further bids in the manner herein specified from time to time until all of said bonds are sold.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the proceeds of the bonds hereby authorized and directed to be issued and sold, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used by the Board of Governors of the Memorial Hospital of Cumberland for the construction of a suitable nurses' home and other facilities for the Memorial Hospital in Cumberland, Maryland, and for the purchase of equipment and furnishings for said home and hospital. Said nurses' home shall be erected on the land acquired in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Cum-