

shall be offered for sale on competitive bids at public sale at not less than the par value thereof upon such terms and conditions as the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County shall determine and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum (5%) per annum; to authorize the County Commissioners of Allegany County to levy taxes upon all the assessable property within the corporate limits of the County for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof at maturity; and to provide for the passage of this law as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, inadequate and overcrowded hospital facilities now existing in Allegany County are a menace to the public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore believed that certain additional facilities are immediately necessary and that the most feasible method of acquiring said additional facilities is by the erection of an addition and the making of alterations and improvements to the Memorial Hospital in the City of Cumberland, said addition, alterations and improvements to be jointly financed on an equal basis by the County Commissioners of Allegany County and the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Allegany County be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to raise, contribute and deliver to the Board of Governors of the Memorial Hospital of Cumberland, a body corporate, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to be used and applied by said corporation exclusively for the purpose of defraying in part the cost of financing the erection of an addition and alterations, improvements and enlargements to said hospital. Said sum shall be paid to said corporation only upon the condition that and if and when the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall procure in a legal manner and shall pay to said Board of Governors of the Memorial Hospital of Cumberland a like sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) also to be devoted exclusively to defraying the cost of the erection of said addition and the construction of said alterations, improvements and enlargements to said Hospital, it being the intent and purpose of this enactment that the entire cost of said addition, alterations, enlargements and improvements shall be borne equally by said County and said municipality. In the event it is ultimately determined that a less sum is needed to finance