

Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Water, Ice and Sewerage", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

373. The State, or any County, legally constituted public water, sewerage or sanitary district, or any municipality, upon which an order of the State Board of Health is served, shall through its proper official or department, proceed to raise such funds as may be necessary to comply with such order within the time specified. When approved by the Governor and Attorney-General, any County, legally constituted public water, sewerage or sanitary district, or municipality may raise such funds, or any part of them, by issuing bonds, stocks or notes without prior legislative enactment; and the question of issuance of such bonds, stocks or notes shall not be required to be submitted to a vote of the people. The money made available by bonds, stocks or notes so issued shall constitute a sanitary fund, and shall be used for no other purpose than for carrying out the order or orders of the State Board of Health. At no time shall the total outstanding issue of such bonds, stocks or notes exceed [two per cent] *three per cent* of the total value of all property within the limits of such County, district or municipality, as listed and assessed for taxation *at the time of such issue*. The amount of bond, stock or note issue as allowed by this section may be in addition to the total indebtedness otherwise permitted by law. No public moneys shall be expended by the State, any County, legally constituted public water, sewerage or sanitary district for any of the purposes enumerated within this sub-title, unless such expenditure and the amount thereof has been approved by the State Board of Health. Said bonds, stocks or notes shall be forever exempt from State, County or municipal taxation. They shall be a lien upon all property within the jurisdiction issuing them. Bonds, stocks or notes issued pursuant to authority of this section shall be payable in the same manner as bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 387 to 405, inclusive.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 12, 1954.