investment business; all insurance companies, insurance associations, and other persons carrying on an insurance business; and all executors, administrators, curators, trustees, and other fiduciaries, may legally invest any sinking funds, monies, or other funds belonging to them or within their control in any bonds or other obligations issued by the municipality pursuant to this sub-heading, provided that such bonds and other obligations shall be secured by an agreement between the issuer and the Federal Government in which the issuer agrees to borrow from the Federal Government and the Federal Government agrees to lend to the issuer, prior to the maturity of such bonds or other obligations, monies in an amount which (together with any other monies irrevocably committed to the payment of principal and interest on such bonds or other obligations) will suffice to pay the principal of such bonds or other obligations with interest to maturity thereon, which monies under the terms of said agreement are required to be used for the purpose of paying the principal of and the interest on such bonds or other obligations at their maturity. Such bonds and other obligations shall be authorized security for all public deposits. It is the purpose of this section to authorize any persons, political subdivisions and officers, public or private, to use any funds owned or controlled by them for the purchase of any such bonds or other obligations. Nothing contained in this section with regard to legal investments shall be construed as relieving any person of any duty of exercising reasonable care in selecting securities.

## 11. Separability

If any provision of this sub-heading, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the sub-heading and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby. The powers conferred by this sub-heading shall be in addition and supplemental to the powers conferred by any other law.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved May 3, 1961.

## CHAPTER 756

(House Bill 525)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 67 of ARTICLE 81 OF the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Collectors and Collections", providing for the Department of Assessments of Baltimore City to decrease or abate an assessment after the date of finality THE DECREASE OR ABATEMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AFTER

EXPLANATION: Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.