maintain such special reserves as they may deem advisable to which charges may be made as the board of directors may determine.

161FF. DIVIDENDS.

- (a) Determined by board of directors; restrictions. Subject to the restrictions set forth in this Article and the association's by-laws, the board of directors from time to time may determine the rate and the amount of dividends to be paid on free share accounts. However, the declaration of dividends on free share accounts shall be subject to the following restrictions: (1) If the total amount of the general reserve fund is less than that required in Section 161EE of this Article, no dividends shall be declared until the allocation provided by said Section has first been made; (2) Dividends shall not be paid at any time or under any circumstances from capital or unearned surplus.
- (b) Small accounts. A dividend need not be allocated to any free share account which has a withdrawal value of less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) on the record date with respect to which the dividend is paid.
- (c) Resolution governing dividends. The board of directors shall determine by resolution the method of calculating the amount of any dividend on free share accounts, and the date on which the same is to be declared or credited.

161GG. EXPENSES AND MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT.

Every association may require borrowing members to pay all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the making, closing, disbursing, extending, readjusting, releasing or renewing of real estate loans. At each and every settlement there shall be furnished to the borrower a memorandum of settlement which shall show in detail each and every charge made in connection with said settlement. Nothing in this sub-title shall be construed as enlarging, changing, modifying or amending the usury laws of this State.

161HH. FRANCHISE TAX.

Every federal and domestic association and foreign association admitted to do business in this State shall pay annually for the use of the State, in addition to any other tax imposed by law, a franchise tax to the amount of one-one hundredths of one per cent (1/100 of 1%) of the aggregate withdrawal value of its free shares purchased in the State of Maryland, said free shares to be totalled as of December 31 of each and every year, and shall certify the said amount due to the State to the Comptroller of the Treasury as other state taxes. Such tax shall be payable without interest at any time on or before April 15, of each and every year, commencing on April 15, 1962, and if such tax be not paid as above provided, then the said tax shall thereafter bear interest at the rate of one-half of one per cent (1/2 of 1%) for each month or fraction of a month, and if such tax be not paid before the first day of December following, a penalty of five per cent (5%) on the amount thereof shall be added. Provided, however, that if by reason of any law of any foreign jurisdiction an association chartered in this State and doing business in such other jurisdiction is required to pay a franchise tax to said foreign jurisdiction based upon its free shares purchased in the State of Maryland, then