

two (2) years from the effective date of this Act, then such project shall be deemed to have been abandoned. If the total loan authorized herein shall have been issued within two (2) years from the effective date of this Act, then the amount specified herein for said abandoned project shall be transferred to the Annuity Bond Fund and shall be applied to the debt service requirements of the State. If, however, the total loan authorized herein shall not have been issued within two (2) years from the effective date of this Act, then the total issuable Certificates of Indebtedness authorized herein shall be reduced by the amount specified herein for said abandoned project.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That, until all of the interest on and principal of any certificates issued under this Act have been paid in full, there is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on each \$100 of assessable property at the rate to be determined in the following manner: on or before May 1, 1970, and on or before May 1 in each taxable year thereafter, the Board of Public Works shall certify to the governing bodies of each of the counties and Baltimore City the rate of State tax on each \$100 of assessable property necessary to produce revenue to meet all interest and principal which will be payable to the close of the next ensuing taxable year on all certificates theretofore issued or heretofore authorized by resolution of the Board of Public Works to be issued and the governing bodies of each of the counties and Baltimore City shall forthwith levy and collect such tax at such rate; provided the cost of paying the principal and interest on bonds issued to pay the cost of capital improvements for the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Maryland State Police as set out herein shall be paid from the fines and other receipts of the Department of Motor Vehicles, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 341(d-3) of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume) and the cost of debt service for bonds issued for this purpose shall not be included by the Board of Public Works in determining the tax rate under the provisions of this section unless the revenues from the fines and other receipts of said Department of Motor Vehicles be insufficient to provide necessary funds to pay the principal and interest on such bonds.

All matters committed by this Act to the discretion of the Board of Public Works shall be determined by a majority of said Board.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That, except as otherwise indicated herein, moneys derived from the sale of Certificates of Indebtedness authorized by this Act shall be used only for capital improvements and for no other purpose. In determining whether an expenditure represents a capital improvement, the Board of Public Works shall be guided by the principle that a capital improvement is an improvement the useful life of which shall be at least equal to the life of the bonds or Certificates of Indebtedness by which it is financed.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted,* That, if any portion (word, sentence, paragraph, proviso or section) of this Act shall be held invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect, and such invalid portion shall be considered severed and deleted from this Act.