

*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, 1971, 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 interest and principal which will be payable to the close of the next ensuing taxable year on all certificates theretofore issued or 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.*

*All ~~matter~~ MATTERS committed by this section to the discretion of the Board of Public Works shall be determined by a majority of said Board.*

678.

*The Secretary shall have the power and authority to implement the provisions of this subheading including, but not limited to, the power and authority to backfill, grade, and revegetate abandoned strip mines, to seal abandoned deep mines and to control erosion and water drainage.*

679.

*Land acquired under the provisions of this subheading may be sold to a private person or retained by the State or TRANSFERRED TO a political subdivision of the State after such land has been ~~repaired~~ REHABILITATED and water pollution from the land has been controlled. All purchases, sales and transfers of land will be by an action of the Board of Public Works and the Board may promulgate regulations governing such transactions. The Board of Public Works may accept gifts of land from private citizens, groups, quasi-public organizations and political subdivisions of the State in order to accomplish the purposes of this subheading. Land thus acquired by the State, after ~~repair~~ REHABILITATION and control of water pollution, shall be either sold or retained by the State or TRANSFERRED TO a political subdivision of the State as directed by the Board of Public Works. Any moneys received from the sale of land acquired hereunder shall be deposited in the Treasury and shall constitute a permanent special fund to be known as the "Abandoned Mine Drainage Capital Fund." The moneys in the Abandoned Mine Drainage Capital Fund from time to time may be expended for the same purposes as the proceeds of the loan authorized by this subheading, and such moneys shall be used for no other purpose.*

680.

*The Department may cooperate with other State agencies or political subdivisions of the State and expend funds jointly for water pollution control projects undertaken under the provisions of this subheading where the objectives of such projects may be better achieved or economies may be realized by such cooperation and joint action, or in instances where such cooperation and joint action is determined to be in the public interest.*