

section or part of a section hereof, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed the remaining parts of this Act, or sections or parts of sections hereof, if such unconstitutionality or invalidity had been known; and to this end, all parts, sections, and parts of sections of this Act are declared to be severable.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 22, 1970

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CHAPTER 253  
(Senate Bill 367)

AN ACT relating to the Water Quality Loan of 1968, to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5(b) of Chapter 445 of the Acts of 1968, as this section was amended by Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1969, to provide that the dredging of Back River for the purpose of making possible the transportation of waste solids to a suitable disposal area is important to pollution control and is thereby eligible for a State grant offer and the expenditure of monies from the sale of certificates issued thereunder, all in accordance with the other conditions and requirements of that Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 5(b) of Chapter 445 of the Acts of 1968, as this section was amended by Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1969, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) Of the actual cash proceeds from the sale of Certificates of Indebtedness to be issued under this Act, the sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), less a proportionate share of the costs specified in Section 4 of this Act, shall be used exclusively to provide State grants and prepay Federal grant offers to assist in the construction of sewage treatment plants and related facilities eligible for grants under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act [.] and to provide a State grant to assist in the dredging of Back River for the purpose of making possible the transportation of waste solids to a suitable disposal area. Any county, municipality, or any agency of the State or any of its subdivisions which is entitled to receive a State grant pursuant to the provisions of Section 387(A)2 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time, that has received an order from the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene pursuant to Section 392 of Article 43 to construct or improve sewerage facilities may petition the State