Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 409 of the Acts of 1969, be and they are hereby waived insofar as they impose a time limit for placing under contract the following item contained in the General Construction Loan of 1969: Section 5 (I) (4) (a) of Chapter 409 and found on page 1003 of the Laws of 1969, making available to the Department of Mental Hygiene the sum of Ninety-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$98,300) for the Installation of Sprinkler System in Various Buildings, Rosewood State Hospital. There shall be allowed an additional period of two (2) years beginning on the effective date of this Act, for placing this project under construction within a period of two (2) years SIX MONTHS beginning on the effective date of this Act, then it shall be determined to have been abandoned and the other provisions of Section 10, Chapter 409 of the Acts of 1969 shall be fully effective as to this project.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 17, 1971.

## CHAPTER 486

(Senate Bill 725)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 6A (c) of Article 62B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Maryland Port Administration," providing that when any county and municipal corporation participate jointly with the Maryland Port Administration in a program the loan limitation shall be increased to two million dollars (\$2,000,000.).

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 6A (c) of Article 62B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Maryland Port Administration," be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

6A.

(c) Any county and municipal corporation within its boundaries, may by agreement, confirmed by resolution or ordinance of their respective governing bodies, participate jointly with the [Authority] Administration in carrying out any of the purposes set forth in this section [.]; providing that the loan limitation imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall be increased to two million dollars (\$2,000,000.) when there is a joint participation by any municipal corporation and county with the Administration and the liability of each shall be determined by any agreement entered into by them.