

and principal which will be payable to the close of the next ensuing taxable year on all bonds 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 of Baltimore City shall forthwith levy and collect such a tax at such rate.

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. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any funds provided by this Act shall not have been encumbered within three (3) years from the effective date of this Act, then such funds shall be deemed to have been abandoned. If the total loan authorized herein shall have been issued within three (3) years from the effective date of this Act then the amount specified herein for said abandoned funds shall be transferred to the Annuity Bond Fund and be applied to the debt service requirements of the State. If, however, the total loan authorized herein shall not have been issued within three (3) years from the effective date of this Act, then the total issuable bonds authorized herein shall be reduced by the amount specified herein for said abandoned funds.

(a) For the purposes of this Act, funds are encumbered when a project is approved for a grant under this program for a specific amount by actions of the Board of Public Works.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any word, phrase, provision or portion of this Act shall be held in a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, the unconstitutionality or invalidity shall apply only to such word, phrase, provision or portion, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1972.

Approved April 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 120

(Senate Bill 924)

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State Debt in the aggregate amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), the proceeds to be used exclusively for purpose of supplementing grants made to the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for public and other nonprofit Community Mental Health Center Components or Mental Retardation Facilities in this State by the Federal Government under the provisions of Subchapter II—State Mental Retardation Facilities," Section 2675 et seq., and Subchapter III—Community Mental Health Centers," Section 2681 et seq., USCA, Title 42, Chapter 33, as amended from time to time, by granting financial allotments for the construction, acquisition, and/or renovation and equipping of Community Mental Health Center Components and Mental Retardation Facilities, and providing gen-