

the Community Mental Health Center Component or Mental Retardation Facility when needed for the construction, acquisition and/or renovation and equipment of the project.

(e) The Board of Public Works is authorized, in its discretion, to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for receiving such petitions from public and other nonprofit Community Mental Health Center Component or Mental Retardation Facilities in this State and for the consideration petitions and disbursing of the funds to the petitioning public and other nonprofit Community Mental Health Center Components or Mental Retardation Facility, within the spirit and intent of this Act.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, until all of the interest on the principals of any bonds issued under this Act shall have been paid in full, there is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of assessable property at the rate to be determined in the following manner: On or before May 1, 1973, and on or before May 1st of each taxable year thereafter, the Board of Public Works shall certify to the governing bodies of each of the Counties and of Baltimore City the rate of State tax on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) 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 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 shall 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.