

CHAPTER 242
(Senate Bill 798)

AN ACT relating to the Water Quality Loan Act of 1968 to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5(b)2 of Chapter 445 of the Laws of 1968, as amended by Chapter 653 of the Laws of 1969, AND Chapter 246 of the Laws of 1970, ~~and Chapter 734 of the Laws of 1971~~, to permit the maximum amount of State and Federal grants which may be made to assist in the construction of sewage treatment plants and related facilities eligible for grants under Federal law to exceed 75% of the eligible cost of any given project whenever the total aggregate grants available may exceed such 75% by virtue of additional Federal grant funds being made available.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 5(b)2 of Chapter 445 of the Laws of 1968, as amended by Chapter 653 of the Laws of 1969, AND Chapter 246 of the Laws of 1970, ~~and Chapter 734 of the Laws of 1971~~, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) 2. That a State grant offer shall be made for every project on which a Federal grant offer is made, or which has been found eligible for a Federal grant, and that the outright State grant shall be equal, when combined with the maximum Federal grant for which the project would be eligible if sufficient Federal funds were available, to seventy-five percent (75%) of the eligible cost of the project ~~], except that when the size of the Federal grant is increased by the Secretary of the Interior,~~ *or to such greater percentage as will equal the maximum total percentage of grants for which the project is eligible from both Federal and State sources, if and when, from time to time, the provisions of applicable Federal law are such that, in order for the project to qualify for the maximum amount of grants available from both Federal and State sources, the percentage exceeds seventy-five percent (75%) of the eligible cost of the project. If the amount of the Federal grant is increased as the result of the project being in conformity with an approved comprehensive plan, or for any other similar reason, such increase shall not be used to decrease the amount of the outright State grant. In the case of a project to be operated by a State owned institution or facility, the State grant offer shall equal the total cost of the project.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 5, 1972.

CHAPTER 243
(Senate Bill 800)

AN ACT to add new Section 5B to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Supplement), title "Natural Resources,"