

Governor shall, by proclamation issued pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Public Works, publicly declare that the taxes required by this section shall not be collected or levied in any such ensuing taxable year.

SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That all [[All]] matters committed by this Act to the discretion of the Board of Public Works shall be determined by a majority of said Board.

SECTION [[13.]] 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise indicated herein, moneys derived from the sale of bonds authorized by this Act shall be used only for capital improvements and for no other purpose. In determining whether an expenditure represents a capital improvement, the Board of Public Works shall be guided by the principle that a capital improvement is an improvement, the useful life of which shall be at least equal to the life of the bonds by which it is financed.

SECTION [[14.]] 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if any portion (word, sentence, paragraph, proviso or section) of this Act shall be held invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect, and such invalid portion shall be considered severed and deleted from this Act.

SECTION [[15.]] 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1973.

Approved April 26, 1973.

CHAPTER 196

(Senate Bill 7)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3-827 of Article 66-1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Certificates of Title and Registration," amending the laws concerning the surrender of certain motor vehicle registration cards and unused registration plates.

SECTION . BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3-827 of Article 66-1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Vehicle Laws," subtitle "Certificates of Title and Registration," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3-827.

Refund of registration fee on surrender of unused plates. Upon the surrender of the registration cards and unused registration plates provided for in Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J, and upon application made therefor, the original owner shall be entitled to refund of the entire fee on unused registration plates when returned to the [Department] ADMINISTRATION [within 30 days after the date of issuance, or returned prior to April 1st, when secured between February 15th and 29th preceding] DURING THE REGISTRATION YEAR FOR WHICH ISSUED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.