

before May 1, 1974, and on or before May 1 in each taxable year thereafter, the Board of Public Works shall certify to the governing bodies of each of the counties and Baltimore City the rate of State tax on each \$100 of assessable property necessary to produce revenue to meet 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 tax at such rate.

Provided, however, that the levy or levies required by this section shall not be made and the tax or taxes shall not be collected in any year to the extent that, on or before May 1, 1974, and on or before May 1 in each taxable year thereafter the Board of Public Works determines upon a certified statement rendered to the Board by the State Comptroller that payment of principal and interest on the bonds issued pursuant to this Act will be met during the ensuing taxable year from funds appropriated by the General Assembly, as provided in Section 6 of this Act. Upon, and to the extent of, such determination by the Board of Public Works, the Governor shall, by proclamation issued pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Public Works, declare that the taxes required by this section shall not be collected or levied in such ensuing taxable year.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That 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 10. 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 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 5(b) of Chapter 445 of the Laws of Maryland (1968), as amended by Chapter 653 of the Laws of Maryland (1969), Chapter 246 of the Laws of Maryland (1970), and Chapter 242 of the Laws of Maryland (1972), be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) Of the actual cash proceeds from the sale of Certificates of Indebtedness to be issued under this Act, the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Million Dollars (\$115,000,000), less a proportionate share of the costs specified in Section 4 of this Act, shall be used exclusively to provide State grants [and prepay Federal grant offers] to assist in the construction of sewage treatment plants and related facilities eligible for grants under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Any county, municipality, or any agency of the State or any of its subdivisions which is entitled to receive a State Grant pursuant to the provisions of Section 387B(A)2 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time, that has received an order from the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene pursuant to Section 392 of Article 43 to construct or improve sewerage facilities, and any instrumentality of the State having express power to make grant applications, may petition the State for a grant equal to 25 percent of the eligible cost of the project as determined by the State and for an additional sum equal to 50 percent of the eligible cost in advance of a grant offer from the Federal Water Pollution Control Agency and for any additional sum that the petitioner may be entitled to receive under this Act provided that the petitioner files an application for a Federal grant and meets all other conditions and requirements to be eligible for a Federal grant and further provided that the petitioner shall contract to repay to the State for deposit to the Water Quality Loan Account all subsequent Federal funds which the