

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 29, 1978.

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CHAPTER 904

(House Bill 866)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Nursing Home Loan

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used for certain State grants to certain public and other nonprofit nursing homes, ~~by granting financial allotments~~ for the construction and equipping of these nursing homes; and providing generally for the issue and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Nursing Home Loan of 1978 in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance and sale of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold and delivered in accordance with the provisions of §§ 19 to 23 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement, as amended from time to time).

(2) The bonds issued to evidence this loan or installments thereof may be sold as a single issue, or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 2E of Article 31 of the Code.

(3) The actual cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and shall be first applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing and delivering the bonds unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided and thereafter shall be credited on the books of the State Comptroller and expended, upon approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: for State grants to public and other nonprofit nursing homes for the construction and equipping of these nursing homes, subject to the conditions listed below.

(4) (a) For the purposes of this Act, "facility" means a nursing home for the accommodation of convalescents or other persons who are not acutely ill and not in need of