

(2) SALES OF NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL GAS, ELECTRICITY, AND STEAM MADE UNDER RESIDENTIAL OR DOMESTIC RATE SCHEDULES ON FILE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND AND SALES OF HEATING OIL AND COAL FOR USE IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WHICH CONTAIN NOT MORE THAN FOUR UNITS, COOPERATIVE HOUSING, CONDOMINIUMS, AND OTHER SIMILAR RESIDENTIAL LIVING ARRANGEMENTS. THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATE ON JUNE 30, 1981, WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the exemption provided by this Act in the case of residential real property where the landlord pays the utility charges shall be provided to the tenant in the form of a reduction in rent equivalent to the exemption provided by this Act and may legally be recoverable by the tenant through appropriate legal action.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Public Service Commission shall require gas and electric utility companies to notify all customers that by Chapter of the Acts of 1979, the General Assembly has eliminated the sales tax on the sales of natural and artificial gas, electricity, and steam for residential rate payers and sales of heating oil and coal for use in residential properties which contain no more than four units, cooperative housing, condominiums, and other similar residential living arrangements.

SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.

CHAPTER 420

(House Bill 251)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - The General Construction Loan of 1979 and the General Construction Loans of 1972, 1975, 1977 and 1978

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of ~~Sixty-Nine Million-Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$69,090,000) Sixty-Nine Million Five Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$69,579,900) Fifty-Nine Million One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$59,161,900)~~, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and equipment purposes of this State and for acquiring certain real estate and options