

or assets of the Hospital may be subordinated to the interests of the holders of any revenue bonds issued to finance improvements to the Hospital, all as may be determined in the absolute discretion of the County Commissioners.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the County may enter into an agreement or agreements with the Hospital pursuant to which the Hospital shall be required to make periodic payments, from the Hospital's revenues or other assets, to the County, at such times and in such amounts to assure the timely payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds and any expenses of the County in connection therewith. However, the bonds shall constitute, and they shall so recite, an irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the County to the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds as and when they become payable. In each and every fiscal year that any of the bonds are outstanding, the County shall levy or cause to be levied ad valorem taxes upon all the assessable property within the corporate limits of the County in rate and amount sufficient to provide for or assure the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on all the bonds maturing in such fiscal year and, if the Hospital revenues or the proceeds from the taxes so levied in any such fiscal year prove inadequate for such payment, additional taxes shall be levied in the succeeding fiscal year to make up any such deficiency. The County may apply to the payment of the principal of and interest on any bonds issued hereunder any funds received by it from the State of Maryland, the United States of America, any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from any other source. If such funds are granted for the purpose of assisting the County or the Hospital in financing the hospital improvements and, to the extent of any such funds received or receivable in any fiscal year, taxes that might otherwise be required to be levied under this Act may be reduced or need not be levied.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the County is hereby further authorized and empowered, at any time and from time to time, to issue its bonds in the manner hereinabove described for the purpose of refunding, upon purchase or redemption, any bonds issued hereunder. The validity of any such refunding bonds shall in no way be dependent upon or related to the validity or invalidity of the obligations so refunded. The powers herein granted with respect to the issuance of bonds shall be applicable to the issuance of refunding bonds. Such refunding bonds may be issued by the County for the purpose of providing it with funds to purchase in the open market any of its outstanding bonds issued hereunder, prior to the maturity thereof, or for the purpose of providing it with funds for the redemption at or prior to maturity of any outstanding bonds issued hereunder which are, by their terms, redeemable, including the payment of any redemption premium and interest accrued or to accrue thereon. The net proceeds of the sale

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