

(a) In an action for bodily injury arising from the operation of a motor vehicle in which a money judgment is entered in favor of the plaintiff, the court may assess interest against the defendant at the rate of [6] 9 ~~NOT-LESS THAN-6-NOR-MORE-THAN~~ 10 percent per annum on the amount of judgment from a time not earlier than the time the action was filed -f-if it finds that the defendant caused unnecessary delay in having the action ready or set for trial-}-.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 27, 1980.

CHAPTER 699

(Senate Bill 195)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Westminster Preservation Trust, Inc.

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$350,000, the proceeds to be used to assist the Westminster Preservation Trust, Inc., in the purchase, preservation, reconstruction, alteration, and equipping of Westminster Church, Baltimore City, and its grounds, tombs, vaults, and monuments, subject to the condition that the Westminster Preservation Trust, Inc., provide at least an equal and matching fund for the same purpose by a certain date; providing that no portion of the proceeds of this loan may be used for religious purposes; 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 Westminster Church Loan of 1980 in the aggregate principal amount of \$350,000. 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 1979 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