

(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 Animal Hospital Loan of 1978 in the aggregate principal amount of [\$2,300,000] \$2,800,000. 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 § 2B 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: for a State grant to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the construction and equipping of an animal hospital at the Baltimore City Zoo in Druid Hill Park.

(4) The payment of funds under the provisions of this Act shall be made to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by the Board of Public Works upon receipt of information as requested and subject to terms and conditions established by the Board of Public Works. No funds provided under this Act may be utilized for any purpose other than the design, construction, built-in equipment and landscaping of the immediate surrounding area of the Animal Hospital.

(5) There is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on all assessable property in the State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and when due and until paid in full, such principal to be discharged within fifteen years of the date of issue of the bonds.

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

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