BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal Section 44 Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal

44.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 5 of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland prohibiting any corporation classified by the General Assembly under the provisions of § 2 of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland from levying any type of tax, license fee, franchise tax or fee which was not in effect in [such] THE municipal corporation on January 1, 1954, unless it [shall have] HAS received the express authorization of the General Assembly for [such] THAT purpose, by a general law which in its terms and its effect applies alike to all similarly classified municipal corporations, the General Assembly hereby expressly authorizes all municipal corporations in this State within the class created by § 10 of this article for the purpose of financing the design, construction, establishment, extension, alteration or acquisition of adequate storm drainage systems, and for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition establishment, improvement, extension, operation or alteration of public parking facilities, or pedestrian malls, and for the purpose financing the design acquisition, erection, construction, improvement and maintenance of street and area lighting, to create within their respective corporate limits special taxing districts for [such] THESE purposes and to levy on all real and personal property located within [said] THESE special taxing districts an ad valorem tax at a rate sufficient to provide adequate annual revenues to pay the principal and interest on any bonds or other obligations of [such] THE municipality issued for [such] THESE purposes as the [said] principal and interest [may] become due, AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THESE FACILITIES. [All such] THESE taxes shall be levied in the same manner, upon the same assessments, for the same period or periods, and as of the same date or dates of finality as are now or may hereafter be prescribed.

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

Approved May 27, 1980.