

(4) 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.

(5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County shall provide at least an equal and matching fund of \$110,000. No part of an applicant's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property[, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.] OR IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS. THE FUND MAY INCLUDE FUNDS EXPENDED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT WHICH HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN USED TO SATISFY LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS OF A STATE GRANT FOR THIS PROJECT. In case of any dispute as to what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter, and the Board's decision is final. The Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County has until June 1, [1985] 1986, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that the matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State Treasurer and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. If this evidence is not presented by June 1, [1985] 1986, the proceeds of the loan shall be applied to the purposes authorized in Article 78A, § 3 of the Code.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

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CHAPTER 252

(House Bill 17)

AN ACT concerning

Merit System - Sick Leave - Certificate Required

FOR the purpose of adding to the kinds of medical providers that may sign a certificate of illness for a State employee; and generally relating to sick leave for State employees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,