

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$1,250,000, the proceeds to be used for State grants to certain public and other nonprofit nursing homes for the construction, renovation, and equipping of these nursing homes, including the reports, plans, specifications, site improvements, surveys, and programs in connection therewith; defining certain terms; requiring certain information from grantees; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations, including regulations providing for continuing information; placing limits on the amount of the grants; providing that the State may recover a certain portion of the State funds expended under certain circumstances; and providing generally for the issuance 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 Nursing Home Loan of 1985 in the aggregate principal amount of ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$1,250,000. 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 §§ 19 to 23 of Article 31 of the Code.

(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, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: for State grants to public and other nonprofit nursing homes for the construction, renovation, and equipping of these nursing homes, including the reports, plans, specifications, site improvements, surveys, and programs in connection therewith.

(4) (a) For purposes of this Act, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(c) "Facility" means a nursing home that is wholly owned by and operated under the authority of: