

(2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to Baltimore City Life Museums for the purpose of the planning, design, site preparation, construction, and equipping of an Exhibition Center on Museum Row in the Jonestown neighborhood of Baltimore City to provide areas for educational programs, comprehensive historical exhibits, and collection storage.

(4) An annual State tax is imposed 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. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of issuance 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, Baltimore City Life Museums shall provide at least an equal and matching fund of \$750,000. 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. 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. Baltimore City Life Museums has until June 1, 1991, 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, 1991, the proceeds of the loan shall be applied to the purposes authorized in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(6) The Baltimore City Life Museums shall grant and convey a [perpetual] preservation easement on the exterior and interior of the improvements, where appropriate, and on the land to the Maryland Historical Trust, in form and substance acceptable to the Trust.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect June 1, 1996~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

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The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House