

(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, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee'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 the amount of the matching fund or 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 grantee has until June 1, 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 226**

**(House Bill 277)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Occupations – Scope of Practice**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice a health occupation under certain provisions of law from practicing the health occupation on animals ~~unless authorized by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners~~; creating certain exceptions; adding a person practicing acupuncture in accordance with certain restrictions to the list of exclusions from the practice of veterinary medicine; authorizing the Board to allow the practice of a health occupation on an animal by certain health care practitioners; providing that a veterinary practitioner is immune from civil liability under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the scope of practice for health occupations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 2-301(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland