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(III) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 1998, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS, UP TO \$1,200,000 OF THE STATE'S SHARE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE USED TO OPERATE STATE FORESTS AND PARKS, BUT ONLY IF THE FUNDS EXPENDED FOR OPERATING COSTS DO NOT EXCEED THE PORTION OF THE STATE ALLOCATION AVAILABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION THAT IS DERIVED FROM CURRENT REVENUES, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM PROCEEDS OF BOND ISSUES.

~~†(ii) (IV)~~ The only wages that can be paid with the portion of the State's share of funds authorized under ~~subparagraph (i)~~ SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) of this paragraph are the wages of ~~seasonal~~ employees in the State forests and parks.†

(3) If the General Assembly amends the Budget Bill to strike out an improvement or operating costs under this subsection submitted by the Governor, the Governor may consider reallocating the funds through a supplemental budget for the same fiscal year:

(i) To finance specific alternative land acquisition, development projects, or operating costs; or

(ii) To the Advance Option and Purchase Fund established under § 5-904(b) of this subtitle.

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

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 673

(House Bill 551)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund and Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund

FOR the purpose of conforming the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration Act to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996; providing for the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration to make loans to persons other than local governments; requiring adequate security for loans to persons other than local governments; permitting the Governor to transfer certain funds between the Drinking Water Loan Fund and the Water Quality Fund; ~~allowing linked deposit programs~~ and generally relating to the Water Quality Fund and Drinking Water Loan Fund.