(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, 2003, 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, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 646

(House Bill 200)

AN ACT concerning

Shore Erosion Control Construction Loan Fund

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to use the Shore Erosion Control Construction Loan Fund to fund certain shore erosion control projects; providing that certain funds may be utilized for nonstructural projects; providing that certain funds in addition to any general funds may be appropriated to the Shore Erosion Control Construction Loan Fund; and generally relating to shore erosion control project funding.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 8–1004.1(d) and 8–1005(a)(1) and (b)

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