

(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. The *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, 2000, 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, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 232

(House Bill 342)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Property Tax Credit - Therapeutic Riding Facilities

Ho. Co. 5-98

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain real property used as a therapeutic riding facility by certain nonprofit organizations that provides services to disabled individuals; authorizing the governing body of Howard County to provide, by law, for the amount, duration, and application of the property tax credit and any other provision necessary to carry out this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Howard County for therapeutic riding facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 9-315(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland