

## CHAPTER 376.

(House Bill 485)

AN ACT to add one new section to Article 44 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Hospitals—Maryland", sub-title "Spring Grove State Hospital", said new section to be known as Section 9A, and to follow immediately after Section 9 of said Article, providing for the payment by the State of Maryland to the County Commissioners of Baltimore County of charges hereafter to accrue for the cost of sewer service rendered Spring Grove State Hospital by said County Commissioners of Baltimore County.

WHEREAS, Spring Grove State Hospital, a State institution located in Baltimore County, and serving the citizens of the State generally, has continuously for a number of years been rendered sewer service by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County at great expense and cost to said County Commissioners, the discontinuance of which service would seriously imperil the health, welfare and safety of citizens of this State hospitalized at Spring Grove State Hospital; and

WHEREAS, no payment has ever been made to said County Commissioners of Baltimore County or any of its agencies, to reimburse it for any part of the continuing cost of such sewer service; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and taxpayers of Baltimore County should not be required solely to bear the expense of a service rendered to and benefiting the State and its citizens generally; and

WHEREAS, the State contends that at the time of the installation of said sewer service to Spring Grove State Hospital the State permitted the said sewer line to run through the said property without charge for the right of way then granted, and that the failure to make any payment to the county heretofore for the said sewer service is because of the understanding that there would be no charge for said service in exchange for the said right of way; and

WHEREAS, it is found as a fact that a continuation of free sewer service to the said hospital will result in the payment by Baltimore County of a grossly excessive consideration for the said right of way; and

WHEREAS, the sum of \$155,882.23 has already accumulated on the books of Baltimore County for the said sewer service