

## Assembly Bill No. 2257

### CHAPTER 517

An act to amend Sections 15432, 15438, 15438.5, 15439, and 15440 of, and to repeal Sections 15438.1, 15461, and 15463 of, the Government Code, and to amend Section 127300 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facility financing, and making an appropriation therefor.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2257, Aroner. Health facility financing.

Under existing law, the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act, there is a California Health Facilities Financing Authority that is empowered to make loans under certain conditions from the continuously appropriated California Health Facilities Financing Authority Fund to nonprofit corporations or associations for financing or refinancing of the acquisition, construction, or remodeling of health facilities, as defined, including hospitals.

Existing law authorizes the authority to issue revenue bonds for certain purposes.

This bill would define revenue bonds for those purposes.

Existing law provides that no project shall be eligible for approval under the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act unless a certificate of need has first been obtained, a certificate of exemption has been obtained, or the project is exempt from certification of need or exemption review and approval, and suspends that requirement.

This bill would repeal that provision, and would make conforming changes.

This bill would revise statutory authority to issue revenue bonds under the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act.

Existing law authorizes the authority to pledge any of the money in the continuously appropriated fund as security for payment of the principal and interest of any particular issuance of bonds under the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act.

This bill would extend that statutory authorization to include the pledge of money in the fund to include certain secured or unsecured loans. Because the bill would expand the purposes for which a continuously appropriated fund may be used, the bill would make an appropriation.

Existing law limits the expenses the authority may incur in carrying out the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act, with the

exception of expenses for the initial organization and operation of the authority.

This bill would repeal that exception.

Existing law specifies the uses for a specified portion of the initial amount of bonds outstanding under the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act.

This bill would repeal that provision.

Existing law provides for the continuously appropriated County Health Facilities Financing Assistance Fund, and authorizes the use of money in the fund to provide assistance to counties to pay the debt service on loans for, or otherwise assist, in the financing of certain facilities.

This bill would delete that fund.

This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 15438 of the Government Code, proposed by AB 2875, to be operative only if AB 2875 and this bill are both enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2001, and this bill is enacted last.

Appropriation: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 15432 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15432. As used in this part, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates or requires another or different meaning or intent:

(a) "Act" means the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act.

(b) "Authority" means the California Health Facilities Financing Authority created by this part or any board, body, commission, department, or officer succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to which the powers conferred upon the authority by this part shall be given by law.

(c) "Cost," as applied to a project or portion of a project financed under this part, means and includes all or any part of the cost of construction and acquisition of all lands, structures, real or personal property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and interests acquired or used for a project, the cost of demolishing or removing any buildings or structures on land so acquired, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which those buildings or structures may be moved, the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest prior to, during, and for a period not to exceed the later of one year or one year following completion of construction, as determined by the authority, the cost of funding or financing noncapital expenses, reserves for principal and interest and for extensions, enlargements, additions, replacements, renovations and improvements, the cost of engineering, reasonable financial and



legal services, plans, specifications, studies, surveys, estimates, administrative expenses, and other expenses of funding or financing or necessary or incident to determining the feasibility of constructing, any project or incident to the construction or acquisition or financing of any project.

(d) "Health facility" means any facility, place, or building which is organized, maintained, and operated for the diagnosis, care, prevention, and treatment of human illness, physical or mental, or developmental disability, including convalescence and rehabilitation and including care during and after pregnancy, or for any one or more of these purposes, for one or more persons, to which the persons are admitted for a 24-hour stay or longer, except in the cases of county outpatient facilities, adult day care facilities, as defined under paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code, which provide services to developmentally disabled or mentally impaired persons, community clinics, as defined in paragraph (6), and child day care facilities, as defined in paragraph (10), and includes all of the following types:

(1) A general acute care hospital which is a health facility having a duly constituted governing body with overall administrative and professional responsibility and an organized medical staff which provides 24-hour inpatient care, including the following basic services: medical, nursing, surgical, anesthesia, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, and dietary services.

(2) An acute psychiatric hospital which is a health facility having a duly constituted governing body with overall administrative and professional responsibility and an organized medical staff which provides 24-hour inpatient care for mentally disordered, incompetent, or other patients referred to in Division 5 (commencing with Section 5000) or Division 6 (commencing with Section 6000) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, including the following basic services: medical, nursing, rehabilitative, pharmacy, and dietary services.

(3) A skilled nursing facility which is a health facility which provides the following basic services: skilled nursing care and supportive care to patients whose primary need is for availability or skilled nursing care on an extended basis.

(4) An intermediate care facility which is a health facility which provides the following basic services: inpatient care to ambulatory or semiambulatory patients who have recurring need for skilled nursing supervision and need supportive care, but who do not require availability or continuous skilled nursing care.

(5) A special health care facility which is a health facility having a duly constituted governing body with overall administrative and professional responsibility and an organized medical or dental staff which provides inpatient or outpatient, acute or nonacute care,



including, but not limited to, medical, nursing, rehabilitation, dental, or maternity.

(6) A community clinic which is a clinic operated by a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation which is supported and maintained in whole or in part by donations, bequests, gifts, grants, government funds or contributions, which may be in the form of money, goods, or services. In a community clinic, any charges to the patient shall be based on the patient's ability to pay, utilizing a sliding fee scale. No corporation other than a nonprofit corporation, exempt from federal income taxation under paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended, or a statutory successor thereof, shall operate a community clinic. However, the licensee of any community clinic so licensed on September 26, 1978, shall not be required to obtain tax-exempt status under either federal or state law. No natural person or persons shall operate a community clinic.

(7) An adult day health center which is a facility, as defined under subdivision (b) of Section 1570.7 of the Health and Safety Code, which provides adult day health care, as defined under subdivision (a) of Section 1570.7 of the Health and Safety Code.

(8) Any other type of facility for the provision of inpatient or outpatient care which is a county health facility, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 16715 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, (without regard to whether funding is provided for the facility under that section).

(9) A multilevel facility is an institutional arrangement where a residential facility for the elderly is operated as a part of, or in conjunction with, an intermediate care facility, a skilled nursing facility, or a general acute care hospital. "Elderly," for the purposes of this paragraph, means a person 62 years of age or older.

(10) A child day care facility operated in conjunction with a health facility. A child day care facility is a facility, as defined in Section 1596.750 of the Health and Safety Code. For purposes of this paragraph, "child" means a minor from birth to 18 years of age.

(11) An intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled habilitative which is a health facility, as defined under subdivision (e) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.

(12) An intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-nursing which is a health facility, as defined under subdivision (h) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.

(13) A community care facility which is a facility, as defined under subdivision (a) of Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code, which provides care, habilitation, rehabilitation, or treatment services to developmentally disabled or mentally impaired persons.

(14) A nonprofit community care facility, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code, other than a facility which, as defined in that subdivision, is a residential facility for the



elderly, a foster family agency, a foster family home, a full service adoption agency, or a noncustodial adoption agency.

(15) A nonprofit accredited community work-activity program, as specified in subdivision (e) of Section 19352 and Section 19355 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(16) A community mental health center, as defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 5667 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

“Health facility” includes a clinic which is described in subdivision (l) of Section 1206 of the Health and Safety Code.

“Health facility” includes the following facilities, if operated in conjunction with one or more of the above types of facilities: a laboratory, laundry, nurses or interns residence, housing for staff or employees and their families, patients or relatives of patients, physicians’ facility, administration building, research facility, maintenance, storage, or utility facility and all structures or facilities related to any of the foregoing or required or useful for the operation of a health facility, and the necessary and usual attendant and related facilities and equipment and including parking and supportive service facilities or structures required or useful for the orderly conduct of such health facility.

“Health facility” does not include any institution, place, or building used or to be used primarily for sectarian instruction or study or as a place for devotional activities or religious worship.

(e) “Participating health institution” means a city, city and county, county, a district hospital, or a private nonprofit corporation or association authorized by the laws of this state to provide or operate a health facility and which, pursuant to the provisions of this part, undertakes the financing or refinancing of the construction or acquisition of a project or of working capital as provided in this part.

(f) “Project” means construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing, or equipping, or funding or financing of a health facility or acquisition of a health facility to be financed or refinanced with funds provided in whole or in part pursuant to this part. “Project” may include any combination of one or more of the foregoing undertaken jointly by any participating health institution with one or more other participating health institutions.

(g) “Revenue bond” means any bond, warrant, note, lease, or installment sale obligation that is evidenced by a certificate of participation or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the authority.

(h) “Working capital” means moneys to be used by, or on behalf of, a participating health institution to pay or prepay maintenance or operation expenses or any other costs that would be treated as an expense item, under generally accepted accounting principles, in connection with the ownership or operation of a health facility, including, but not limited to, reserves for maintenance or operation



expenses, interest for not to exceed one year on any loan for working capital made pursuant to this part, and reserves for debt service with respect to, and any costs necessary or incidental to, that financing.

SEC. 2. Section 15438 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15438. The authority may do any of the following:

(a) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.

(b) Adopt an official seal.

(c) Sue and be sued in its own name.

(d) Receive and accept from any agency of the United States or any agency of the State of California or any municipality, county or other political subdivision thereof, or from any individual, association, or corporation gifts, grants, or donations of moneys for achieving any of the purposes of this chapter.

(e) Engage the services of private consultants to render professional and technical assistance and advice in carrying out the purposes of this part.

(f) Determine the location and character of any project to be financed under this part, and to acquire, construct, enlarge, remodel, renovate, alter, improve, furnish, equip, fund, finance, own, maintain, manage, repair, operate, lease as lessee or lessor and regulate the same, to enter into contracts for any or all of those purposes, to enter into contracts for the management and operation of a project or other health facilities owned by the authority, and to designate a participating health institution as its agent to determine the location and character of a project undertaken by that participating health institution under this chapter and as the agent of the authority, to acquire, construct, enlarge, remodel, renovate, alter, improve, furnish, equip, own, maintain, manage, repair, operate, lease as lessee or lessor and regulate the same, and as the agent of the authority, to enter into contracts for any or all of those purposes, including contracts for the management and operation of that project or other health facilities owned by the authority.

(g) Acquire, directly or by and through a participating health institution as its agent, by purchase solely from funds provided under the authority of this part, or by gift or devise, and to sell, by installment sale or otherwise, any lands, structures, real or personal property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other interests in lands, including lands lying under water and riparian rights, which are located within the state the authority determines necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction, or financing of a health facility or the acquisition, construction, financing, or operation of a project, upon the terms and at the prices considered by the authority to be reasonable and which can be agreed upon between the authority and the owner thereof, and to



take title thereto in the name of the authority or in the name of a participating health institution as its agent.

(h) Receive and accept from any source loans, contributions, or grants for, or in aid of, the construction, financing, or refinancing of a project or any portion of a project in money, property, labor, or other things of value.

(i) Make secured or unsecured loans to, or purchase secured or unsecured loans of, any participating health institution in connection with the financing of a project or working capital in accordance with an agreement between the authority and the participating health institution. However, no loan to finance a project shall exceed the total cost of the project, as determined by the participating health institution and approved by the authority. Funds for secured loans may be provided from the California Health Facilities Financing Fund pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 15439 to small or rural health facilities pursuant to authority guidelines.

(j) Make secured or unsecured loans to, or purchase secured or unsecured loans of, any participating health institution in accordance with an agreement between the authority and the participating health institution to refinance indebtedness incurred by that participating health institution in connection with projects undertaken or for health facilities acquired or for working capital. Funds for secured loans may be provided from the California Health Facilities Financing Fund pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 15439 to small or rural health facilities pursuant to authority guidelines.

(k) Mortgage all or any portion of interest of the authority in a project or other health facilities and the property on which that project or other health facilities are located, whether owned or thereafter acquired, including the granting of a security interest in any property, tangible or intangible, and to assign or pledge all or any portion of the interests of the authority in mortgages, deeds of trust, indentures of mortgage or trust or similar instruments, notes, and security interests in property, tangible or intangible, of participating health institutions to which the authority has made loans, and the revenues therefrom, including payments or income from any thereof owned or held by the authority, for the benefit of the holders of bonds issued to finance the project or health facilities or issued to refund or refinance outstanding indebtedness of participating health institutions as permitted by this part.

(l) Lease to a participating health institution the project being financed or other health facilities conveyed to the authority in connection with that financing, upon the terms and conditions the authority determines proper, and to charge and collect rents therefor and to terminate the lease upon the failure of the lessee to comply with any of the obligations of the lease; and to include in that lease, if desired, provisions granting the lessee options to renew the term



of the lease for the period or periods and at the rent, as determined by the authority, to purchase any or all of the health facilities or that upon payment of all of the indebtedness incurred by the authority for the financing of that project or health facilities or for refunding outstanding indebtedness of a participating health institution, then the authority may convey any or all of the project or the other health facilities to the lessee or lessees thereof with or without consideration.

(m) Charge and equitably apportion among participating health institutions, the administrative costs and expenses incurred by the authority in the exercise of the powers and duties conferred by this part.

(n) Obtain, or aid in obtaining, from any department or agency of the United States or of the State of California or any private company, any insurance or guarantee as to, or of, or for the payment or repayment of, interest or principal, or both, or any part thereof, on any loan, lease, or obligation, or any instrument evidencing or securing the loan, lease, or obligation, made or entered into pursuant to this part; and notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, to enter into any agreement, contract, or any other instrument whatsoever with respect to that insurance or guarantee, to accept payment in the manner and form as provided therein in the event of default by a participating health institution, and to assign that insurance or guarantee as security for the authority's bonds.

(o) Enter into any and all agreements or contracts, including agreements for liquidity and credit enhancement, interest rate swaps or hedges, execute any and all instruments, and do and perform any and all acts or things necessary, convenient, or desirable for the purposes of the authority or to carry out any power expressly granted by this part.

(p) Invest any moneys held in reserve or sinking funds, or any moneys not required for immediate use or disbursement, at the discretion of the authority, in any obligations authorized by the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds secured thereof or authorized by law for the investment of trust funds in the custody of the Treasurer.

SEC. 2.5. Section 15438 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15438. The authority may do any of the following:

(a) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.

(b) Adopt an official seal.

(c) Sue and be sued in its own name.

(d) Receive and accept from any agency of the United States or any agency of the State of California or any municipality, county or other political subdivision thereof, or from any individual, association, or corporation gifts, grants, or donations of moneys for achieving any of the purposes of this chapter.



(e) Engage the services of private consultants to render professional and technical assistance and advice in carrying out the purposes of this part.

(f) Determine the location and character of any project to be financed under this part, and to acquire, construct, enlarge, remodel, renovate, alter, improve, furnish, equip, fund, finance, own, maintain, manage, repair, operate, lease as lessee or lessor and regulate the same, to enter into contracts for any or all of those purposes, to enter into contracts for the management and operation of a project or other health facilities owned by the authority, and to designate a participating health institution as its agent to determine the location and character of a project undertaken by that participating health institution under this chapter and as the agent of the authority, to acquire, construct, enlarge, remodel, renovate, alter, improve, furnish, equip, own, maintain, manage, repair, operate, lease as lessee or lessor and regulate the same, and as the agent of the authority, to enter into contracts for any or all of those purposes, including contracts for the management and operation of that project or other health facilities owned by the authority.

(g) Acquire, directly or by and through a participating health institution as its agent, by purchase solely from funds provided under the authority of this part, or by gift or devise, and to sell, by installment sale or otherwise, any lands, structures, real or personal property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other interests in lands, including lands lying under water and riparian rights, which are located within the state the authority determines necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction, or financing of a health facility or the acquisition, construction, financing, or operation of a project, upon the terms and at the prices considered by the authority to be reasonable and which can be agreed upon between the authority and the owner thereof, and to take title thereto in the name of the authority or in the name of a participating health institution as its agent.

(h) Receive and accept from any source loans, contributions, or grants for, or in aid of, the construction, financing, or refinancing of a project or any portion of a project in money, property, labor, or other things of value.

(i) Make secured or unsecured loans to, or purchase secured or unsecured loans of, any participating health institution in connection with the financing of a project or working capital in accordance with an agreement between the authority and the participating health institution. However, no loan to finance a project shall exceed the total cost of the project, as determined by the participating health institution and approved by the authority. Funds for secured loans may be provided from the California Health Facilities Financing Fund pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 15439 to small or rural health facilities pursuant to authority guidelines.



(j) Make secured or unsecured loans to, or purchase secured or unsecured loans of, any participating health institution in accordance with an agreement between the authority and the participating health institution to refinance indebtedness incurred by that participating health institution in connection with projects undertaken or for health facilities acquired or for working capital. Funds for secured loans may be provided from the California Health Facilities Financing Fund pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 15439 to small or rural health facilities pursuant to authority guidelines.

(k) Mortgage all or any portion of interest of the authority in a project or other health facilities and the property on which that project or other health facilities are located, whether owned or thereafter acquired, including the granting of a security interest in any property, tangible or intangible, and to assign or pledge all or any portion of the interests of the authority in mortgages, deeds of trust, indentures of mortgage or trust or similar instruments, notes, and security interests in property, tangible or intangible, of participating health institutions to which the authority has made loans, and the revenues therefrom, including payments or income from any thereof owned or held by the authority, for the benefit of the holders of bonds issued to finance the project or health facilities or issued to refund or refinance outstanding indebtedness of participating health institutions as permitted by this part.

(l) Lease to a participating health institution the project being financed or other health facilities conveyed to the authority in connection with that financing, upon the terms and conditions the authority determines proper, and to charge and collect rents therefor and to terminate the lease upon the failure of the lessee to comply with any of the obligations of the lease; and to include in that lease, if desired, provisions granting the lessee options to renew the term of the lease for the period or periods and at the rent, as determined by the authority, to purchase any or all of the health facilities or that upon payment of all of the indebtedness incurred by the authority for the financing of that project or health facilities or for refunding outstanding indebtedness of a participating health institution, then the authority may convey any or all of the project or the other health facilities to the lessee or lessees thereof with or without consideration.

(m) Charge and equitably apportion among participating health institutions, the administrative costs and expenses incurred by the authority in the exercise of the powers and duties conferred by this part.

(n) Obtain, or aid in obtaining, from any department or agency of the United States or of the State of California or any private company, any insurance or guarantee as to, or of, or for the payment or repayment of, interest or principal, or both, or any part thereof, on any loan, lease, or obligation, or any instrument evidencing or



securing the loan, lease, or obligation, made or entered into pursuant to this part; and notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, to enter into any agreement, contract, or any other instrument whatsoever with respect to that insurance or guarantee, to accept payment in the manner and form as provided therein in the event of default by a participating health institution, and to assign that insurance or guarantee as security for the authority's bonds.

(o) Enter into any and all agreements or contracts, including agreements for liquidity and credit enhancement, interest rate swaps or hedges, execute any and all instruments, and do and perform any and all acts or things necessary, convenient, or desirable for the purposes of the authority or to carry out any power expressly granted by this part.

(p) Invest any moneys held in reserve or sinking funds, or any moneys not required for immediate use or disbursement, at the discretion of the authority, in any obligations authorized by the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds secured thereof or authorized by law for the investment of trust funds in the custody of the Treasurer.

(q) Award grants to any eligible clinic pursuant to Section 15438.6.

SEC. 3. Section 15438.1 of the Government Code is repealed.

SEC. 4. Section 15438.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15438.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this part to provide financing only, and, except as provided in subdivisions (b), (c), and (d), only to health facilities which can demonstrate the financial feasibility of their projects without regard to the more favorable interest rates anticipated through the issuance of revenue bonds under this part. It is further the intent of the Legislature that all or part of any savings experienced by a participating health institution, as a result of that tax-exempt revenue bond funding, be passed on to the consuming public through lower charges or containment of the rate of increase in hospital rates. It is not the intent of the Legislature in enacting this part to encourage unneeded health facility construction. Further, it is not the intent of the Legislature to authorize the authority to control or participate in the operation of hospitals, except where default occurs or appears likely to occur.

(b) When determining the financial feasibility of projects for county health facilities, the authority shall consider the more favorable interest rates reasonably anticipated through the issuance of revenue bonds under this part. It is the intent of the Legislature that the authority attempt in whatever ways possible to assist counties to arrange projects which will meet the financial feasibility standards developed under this part.

(c) The authority may issue revenue bonds pursuant to this part to finance the development of a multilevel facility, or any portion of



a multilevel facility, including the portion licensed as a residential facility for the elderly, if the skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or general acute care hospital is operated or provided by an eligible participating health institution.

(d) If a health facility seeking financing for a project pursuant to this part does not meet the guidelines established by the authority with respect to bond rating, the authority may nonetheless give special consideration, on a case-by-case basis, to financing the project if the health facility demonstrates to the satisfaction of the authority the financial feasibility of the project, and the performance of significant community service. For the purposes of this part, a health facility which performs a significant community service is one that contracts with Medi-Cal or that can demonstrate, with the burden of proof being on the health facility, that it has fulfilled at least two of the following criteria:

(1) On or before January 1, 1991, has established, and agrees to maintain, a 24-hour basic emergency medical service open to the public with a physician and surgeon on duty, or is a children's hospital as defined in Section 14087.21 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, which jointly provides basic or comprehensive emergency services in conjunction with another licensed hospital. This criterion shall not be utilized in a circumstance where a small and rural hospital, as defined in Section 442.2 of the Health and Safety Code, has not established a 24-hour basic emergency medical service with a physician and surgeon on duty; or will operate a designated trauma center on a continuing basis during the life of the revenue bonds issued by the authority.

(2) Has adopted, and agrees to maintain on a continuing basis during the life of the revenue bonds issued by the authority, a policy, approved and recorded by the facility's board of directors, of treating all patients without regard to ability to pay, including, but not limited to, emergency room walk-in patients.

(3) Has provided and agrees to provide care, on a continuing basis during the life of the revenue bonds issued by the authority, to Medi-Cal and uninsured patients in an amount not less than 5 percent of the facility's adjusted inpatient days as reported on an annual basis to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

(4) Has budgeted at least 5 percent of its net operating income to meeting the medical needs of uninsured patients and to providing other services, including, but not limited to, community education, primary care outreach in ambulatory settings, and unmet nonmedical needs, such as food, shelter, clothing, or transportation for vulnerable populations in the community, and agrees to continue that policy during the life of the revenue bonds issued by the authority.

On or before January 1, 1992, the authority shall report to the Legislature regarding the implementation of this subdivision. The



report shall provide information on the number of applications for financing sought under this subdivision, the number of applications approved and denied under this subdivision, and a brief summary of the reason for any denial of an application submitted under this subdivision.

(e) Enforcement of the conditions under which the authority issues bonds pursuant to this section shall be governed by the enforcement conditions under Section 15459.4.

SEC. 5. Section 15439 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15439. (a) The California Health Facilities Authority Fund is continued in existence in the State Treasury as the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Fund. All money in the fund is hereby continuously appropriated to the authority for carrying out the purposes of this division. The authority may pledge any or all of the moneys in the fund as security for payment of the principal of, and interest on, any particular issuance of bonds issued pursuant to this part, or any particular secured or unsecured loan made pursuant to subdivision (i) or (j) of Section 15438, and, for that purpose or as necessary or convenient to the accomplishment of any other purpose of the authority, may divide the fund into separate accounts. All moneys accruing to the authority pursuant to this part from whatever source shall be deposited in the fund.

(b) Subject to the priorities which may be created by the pledge of particular moneys in the fund to secure any issuance of bonds of the authority, and subject further to the cost of loans provided by the authority pursuant to subdivisions (i) and (j) of Section 15438, and subject further to any reasonable costs which may be incurred by the authority in administering the program authorized by this division, all moneys in the fund derived from any source shall be held in trust for the security and payment of bonds of the authority and shall not be used or pledged for any other purpose so long as such bonds are outstanding and unpaid. However, nothing in this section shall limit the power of the authority to make loans with the proceeds of bonds in accordance with the terms of the resolution authorizing the same.

(c) Pursuant to any agreements with the holders of particular bonds pledging any particular assets, revenues, or moneys, the authority may create separate accounts in the fund to manage assets, revenues, or moneys in the manner set forth in the agreements.

(d) The authority may, from time to time, direct the State Treasurer to invest moneys in the fund which are not required for its current needs, including proceeds from the sale of any bonds, in the eligible securities specified in Section 16430 as the agency shall designate. The authority may direct the State Treasurer to deposit moneys in interest-bearing accounts in state or national banks or other financial institutions having principal offices in this state. The authority may alternatively require the transfer of moneys in the



fund to the Surplus Money Investment Fund for investment pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 16470) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 4. All interest or other increment resulting from an investment or deposit shall be deposited in the fund, notwithstanding Section 16305.7. Moneys in the fund shall not be subject to transfer to any other fund pursuant to any provision of Part 2 (commencing with Section 16300) of Division 4, excepting the Surplus Money Investment Fund.

(e) All moneys accruing to the authority from whatever source shall be deposited in the fund.

SEC. 6. Section 15440 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15440. All expenses of the authority incurred in carrying out the provisions of this part shall be payable solely from funds provided pursuant to this part, and no liability shall be incurred by the authority beyond the extent to which moneys shall have been provided under this part.

SEC. 7. Section 15461 of the Government Code is repealed.

SEC. 8. Section 15463 of the Government Code is repealed.

SEC. 9. Section 127300 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

127300. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on and after January 1, 1987, the requirement that health facilities and specialty clinics apply for, and obtain, certificates of need or certificates of exemption is indefinitely suspended.

SEC. 10. Section 2.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 15438 of the Government Code proposed by both this bill and AB 2875. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2001, (2) each bill amends Section 15438 of the Government Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 2875, in which case Section 2 of this bill shall not become operative.

