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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Jubilee Association of**
3 **Maryland, Inc.**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of
5 \$550,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Jubilee
6 Association of Maryland, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes;
7 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
8 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the grantee from
9 expending any of the proceeds of the bonds or the matching fund for sectarian
10 religious purposes; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
11 evidencing the loan.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Montgomery
16 County - Jubilee Association of Maryland, Inc. Loan of 2000 in the total principal
17 amount of \$550,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of
18 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public
19 Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of
20 the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

21 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
22 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
23 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
27 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
28 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
29 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of Jubilee
30 Association of Maryland, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for
31 the acquisition, together with any necessary improvements, repairs, renovation,

1 reconstruction, or equipping, of a building to be used as a community service and
2 resource center.

3 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in
4 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and
5 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years
6 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

7 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
8 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
9 matching fund of \$550,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,
10 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
11 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
12 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
13 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
14 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
15 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence
16 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
17 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State
18 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in
19 this Act.

20 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be
21 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the
22 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of
23 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or
24 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board
25 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none
26 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a
27 purpose prohibited by this Act.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 June 1, 2000.