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CHAPTER 599

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Hebrew Home of Greater**
3 **Washington**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$650,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington
6 for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of
7 the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend
8 a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the proceeds or any of the matching
9 funds for sectarian religious purposes; and providing generally for the issuance
10 and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Montgomery
15 County - Hebrew Home of Greater Washington Loan of 2000 in a total principal
16 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$650,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund
17 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the
18 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
19 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
20 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
21 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

22 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
23 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
24 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
2 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
3 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
4 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
5 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
6 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington
7 (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the construction, repair,
8 renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Hebrew Home of Greater
9 Washington, a 558-bed geriatric care facility with services available to the entire
10 community and located in Montgomery County, Maryland.

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

15 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
16 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
17 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
18 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
19 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
20 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
21 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
22 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
23 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence
24 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
25 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
26 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
27 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
28 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
29 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

30 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be
31 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the
32 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of
33 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or
34 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board
35 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none
36 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a
37 purpose prohibited by this Act.

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

