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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Anne Arundel County - London Town Publik House and**  
3 **Gardens**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the  
5 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the London Town  
6 Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for  
7 disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee  
8 provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant and convey a  
9 certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; and providing generally for the  
10 issuance 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 Anne Arundel  
15 County - London Town Publik House and Gardens Loan of 1996 in a total principal  
16 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$200,000 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 resolution of  
19 the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117  
20 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the  
21 Code.

22 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a  
23 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.

25 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and  
26 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the

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1 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on  
2 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,  
3 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects'and engineers' fees:  
4 as a grant to the Board of Directors of the London Town Foundation, Inc. (referred to  
5 hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the renovation, repair, andrestoration of the  
6 London Town Publik House, including the main building, the gardens, thetobacco barn,  
7 and the surrounding site, and for the design of the new Visitor Center at the site.

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

12 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
13 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide andexpend a matching  
14 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or  
15 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of  
16 the fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of  
17 funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the  
18 amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
19 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The  
20 grantee has until June 1, 1998, to present evidence satisfactory to theBoard of Public  
21 Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the  
22 Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer,  
23 and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended  
24 for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excessof the amount of  
25 the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no  
26 further effect.

27 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey to  
28 the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its  
29 interest:

30 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;  
31 and

32 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic  
33 structures.

34 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust  
35 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
37 June 1, 1996.

