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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Catonsville Revitalization Project**

3 [TAG ftpo]FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~  
4 \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County  
5 Council of Baltimore County for certain acquisition, development, or improvement  
6 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to arequirement  
7 that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for  
8 the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as theBaltimore  
13 County - Catonsville Revitalization Project Loan of 1996 in a total principal amount  
14 equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$250,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund  
15 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the  
16 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of  
17 the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordancewith §§ 8-117  
18 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the  
19 Code.

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

23 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and  
24 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the  
25 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on  
26 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,

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1 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects'and engineers' fees:  
2 as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County (referred to  
3 hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the revitalization of downtown Catonsville,  
4 including streetscaping that entails realignment of intersections, moving of utility poles,  
5 and improvement of parking, and other alterations that will make the downtown area of  
6 Catonsville easily accessible to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, safe, attractive, and  
7 amenable to economic development.

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 bonds, as 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, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to  
17 the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amountof the matching  
18 fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works  
19 shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1,  
20 1998, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund  
21 will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
22 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
23 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in  
24 this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified  
25 by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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