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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Harford County - Highland Commons**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$175,000,  
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the ~~County Government of~~ County Executive  
5 and County Council of Harford County for certain acquisition, development, or  
6 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; and  
7 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

10 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
11 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Harford County  
12 - Highland Commons Loan of 1996 in the total principal amount of \$175,000. This loan  
13 shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds  
14 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in  
15 accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article  
16 and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

17 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan maybe sold as a  
18 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under §  
19 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

20 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and  
21 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the  
22 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on  
23 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,  
24 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees:  
25 as a grant to the ~~County Government of~~ County Executive and County Council of Harford  
26 County for the paving of the parking lot, the installation of an elevator and a sprinkler

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1 system, improvement and upgrading of utilities, and the capital equipping, repair,  
2 renovation, reconstruction, and expansion of the Highland Commons building in Harford  
3 County for use as a community center that will include a senior center, library reading  
4 room, school for children with special needs, and other community facilities for the  
5 citizens of Harford County.

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

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