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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the
 4 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Jewish Community Center of Greater
 5 Baltimore for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes; providing
 6 for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee
 7 provide and expend a matching fund; providing that no proceeds of a loan or any
 8 matching funds may be used for religious purposes; and providing generally for the
 9 issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
 13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Jewish
 14 Community Center of Greater Baltimore Loan of 1997 in a total principal amount equal
 15 to the lesser of (i) \$500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
 16 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
 17 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of
 18 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124
 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

20 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be 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

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1 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,
2 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees:
3 as a grant to the Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore (referred to hereafter in
4 this Act as "the grantee") for the repair, renovation, improvement, and expansion of the
5 educational, cultural, and recreational facilities at the Park Heights location of the
6 Center, which will allow the Center to expand and improve its services to senior citizens,
7 special needs populations, immigrants, and refugees, as well as to all the residents of the
8 Park Heights area.

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

13 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
14 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching
15 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or
16 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of
17 the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to
18 the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching
19 fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works
20 shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1,
21 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund
22 will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
23 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
24 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in
25 this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified
26 by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
36 June 1, 1997.

