

EMERGENCY BILL

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By: Delegate Harrison

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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **CURE Heart, Body, and Soul Loan of 1994**

3 FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 229 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994,
4 the CURE Heart, Body, and Soul Loan of 1994, to alter the purpose for which the
5 proceeds of the grant will be used from renovation of existing buildings to the
6 construction of a new building; removing the historic easement; and making this Act
7 an emergency measure.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Chapter 229 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994
10 Section 1

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Chapter 229 of the Acts of 1994**

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
17 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the CURE Heart,
18 Body, and Soul Loan of 1994 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$200,000
19 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below.
20 This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation
21 bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
22 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and
23 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

1 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a
2 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under §
3 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

4 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and
5 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the
6 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on
7 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,
8 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees:
9 as a grant to the Board of Directors of Clergy United for Renewal of East Baltimore, Inc.
10 for the [renovation of four buildings located at 901 through 907 North Broadway]
11 CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING in Baltimore City to be used as operational
12 headquarters, a community health center, and a nonprofit revenue-generating business
13 for the CURE Heart, Body, and Soul Program.

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

18 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
19 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the Board of Directors of Clergy United for
20 Renewal of East Baltimore, Inc. shall provide and expend a matching fund . No part of an
21 applicant's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the
22 State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real
23 property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.
24 In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may
25 qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
26 Board's decision is final. The Board of Directors of Clergy United for Renewal of East
27 Baltimore, Inc. has until June 1, 1996, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of
28 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented,
29 the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State
30 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall
31 be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of
32 the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled
33 and be of no further effect.

34 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be
35 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the
36 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of
37 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or
38 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board of
39 Public Works, the Board of Directors of Clergy United for Renewal of East Baltimore,
40 Inc. shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none of the proceeds of the loan
41 or any matching funds has been or is being used for a purpose prohibited by this Act.

42 1(7) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the Board of Directors of Clergy
43 United for Renewal of East Baltimore, Inc. shall grant and convey to the Maryland
44 Historical Trust perpetual preservation easements to the extent of its interest:

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1 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
2 and

3 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
4 structures.

5 (b) The easements must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
6 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.]

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
8 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has
9 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
10 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
11 enacted.