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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County Conservation Corps**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$160,995~~
4 \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County
5 Council of Montgomery County for certain development or improvement purposes;
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the
7 grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the
8 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 the Montgomery
13 County Conservation Corps Loan of 1997 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser
14 of (i) ~~\$160,995~~ \$100,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance
15 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of
16 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works
17 and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State
18 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

22 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and
23 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the
24 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on
25 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 Montgomery County (referred
3 to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the repair, renovation and expansion of a
4 woodworking shop, located on Georgia Avenue in Wheaton, and for the construction of a
5 new storage structure on the same premises for power equipment, tools, and materials, as
6 well as for offices, all to be used by staff and volunteers of the Montgomery County
7 Conservation Corps, the mission of which is to improve the employability and citizenship
8 of out of school and unemployed Montgomery County youth between 17 and 24 years of
9 age and to help preserve and protect Montgomery County's historic, community, and
10 natural resources.

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

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

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