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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Town of Fairmount Heights - Sheriff
3 Road Revitalization Project**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$934,390, the
5 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Town of Fairmount Heights for certain
6 acquisition, development, or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of
7 the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a
8 matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
9 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 Prince George's
14 County - Town of Fairmount Heights - Sheriff Road Revitalization Project Loan of 1997
15 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$934,390, or (ii) the amount of the
16 matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be
17 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized
18 by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in
19 accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article
20 and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

21 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a
22 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under §
23 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and
25 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the
26 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on
27 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,
28 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees:
29 as a grant to the Town of Fairmount Heights (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the
30 grantee") for revitalization of the Sheriff Road area, the revitalization to include the
31 repair and reconstruction of the infrastructure, including streets, curbs, and gutters, the
32 provision of capital equipment, landscaping, and the planning, design, and construction of
33 an urban park and a community resource center.

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

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

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