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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospice of Prince George's County Loan of 1995**

3 FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 269 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995,  
4 the Hospice of Prince George's County Loan of 1995, to allow the grantee to receive  
5 the proceeds of the grant in increments of a certain amount; and to extend the time  
6 by which the grantee shall provide evidence of a matching fund.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Chapter 269 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995  
9 Section 1

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

12 **Chapter 269 of the Acts of 1995**

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

15 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
16 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Hospice of Prince  
17 George's County Loan of 1995 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)  
18 \$1,000,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section  
19 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State  
20 general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and  
21 issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State  
22 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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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 Hospice of Prince George's County (referred to hereafter in this Act as  
10 "the grantee") for the planning, design, construction, and equipping of a building at 10101  
11 White House Road in Upper Marlboro for use by the grantee.

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

16           (5) (A) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for  
17 the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
18 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or  
19 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of  
20 the fund may consist of real property. The fund may consist of in kind contributions or  
21 funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the  
22 amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
23 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The  
24 grantee has until June 1, [1997] 1998, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of  
25 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented,  
26 the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State  
27 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall  
28 be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of  
29 the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled  
30 and be of no further effect.

31           (B) THE GRANTEE MAY PROVIDE THE EVIDENCE OF A MATCHING FUND  
32 AND RECEIVE THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF THE BONDS BOTH IN INCREMENTS OF  
33 AT LEAST \$250,000 EACH.

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