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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Surratt House Museum - Rowland**  
3 **Property**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the  
5 proceeds to be used as a grant to the ~~Surratt Society in Clinton, Maryland~~  
6 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for certain acquisition,  
7 development, or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan  
8 proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching  
9 fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the  
10 loan.

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

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Prince George's  
15 County - Surratt House Museum - Rowland Property Loan of 1997 in a total principal  
16 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$50,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided  
17 in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,  
18 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of  
19 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124  
20 of the State Finance and Procurement Article 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

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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 ~~Surratt Society in Clinton, Maryland~~ Maryland-National Capital Park  
4 and Planning Commission (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the  
5 planning, design, repair, and renovation of, and for the provision of capital equipment  
6 for, the Rowland property, to be used for part of the program of the Surratt House  
7 Museum.

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

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

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