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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Greenbelt Community**
3 **Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of Greenbelt for
6 certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes; providing for
7 disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee
8 provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant and convey
9 to the Maryland Historical Trust a certain kind of easement; and providing
10 generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the 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
15 George's County - Greenbelt Community Center Loan of 1998 in a total principal
16 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$200,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund
17 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the
18 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
19 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
20 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
21 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

22 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
23 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
24 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
2 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
3 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
4 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
5 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
6 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of Greenbelt
7 (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the repair or replacement of the
8 windows in the historic section of the building and the removal of lead paint and other
9 repairs inherent in and associated with the window replacement.

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

14 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
15 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
16 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
17 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
18 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
19 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
20 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
21 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
22 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence
23 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
24 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
25 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
26 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
27 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
28 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

29 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey
30 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of
31 its interest:

32 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
33 and

34 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
35 structures.

36 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
37 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

38 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
39 June 1, 1998.

