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ENROLLED BILL
-- Appropriations/Budget and Taxation --

Introduced by **Delegate Dewberry**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Islamic Society of Baltimore, Inc. - Community**
3 **Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$600,000~~
5 ~~\$300,000~~ \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors
6 of the Islamic Society of Baltimore, Inc. for certain acquisition, development, or
7 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject
8 to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund;
9 providing that no proceeds of a loan or any matching funds may be used for
10 religious purposes; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
11 evidencing the loan.

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

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Islamic
16 Society of Baltimore, Inc. - Community Center Loan of 1998 in a total principal

1 amount equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$600,000~~ ~~\$300,000~~ \$200,000 or (ii) the amount of the
2 matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be
3 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds
4 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
5 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and
6 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

7 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
8 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
9 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

10 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
11 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
12 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
13 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
14 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
15 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Islamic
16 Society of Baltimore, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
17 planning, design, construction, capital equipping, site improvements and landscaping
18 of a multipurpose community center on the grounds of the Islamic Society of
19 Baltimore, Inc.

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

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

40 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be
41 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, in connection with the
42 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of
43 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or
44 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board

1 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none
2 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds has been or is being used for a
3 purpose prohibited by this Act.

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