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By: **Delegates Benson, R. Baker, Howard, and Exum**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's Hospital Center**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of  
4 \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to Dimensions Healthcare System  
5 for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes; providing for  
6 disbursement of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and  
7 sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
11 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Prince  
12 George's Hospital Center Loan of 1998 in the total principal amount of \$400,000. This  
13 loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation  
14 bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and  
15 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and  
16 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

17 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
18 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
19 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

20 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
21 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
22 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
23 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
24 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
25 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to Dimensions Healthcare System for the  
26 relocation of the landing site for the Maryland State Police helicopters from a ground  
27 site to the roof top of the highest building in the complex, including the planning,  
28 design, and construction of a landing pad, and the planning, design, repair,  
29 renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the building to include a new  
30 lobby, an elevator shaft extension, and required safety features.

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

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