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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore Museum of Industry**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000,
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore
5 Museum of Industry, Inc. for certain acquisition, development, or improvement
6 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a
7 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring
8 the grantee to grant and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a certain kind
9 of easement; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
10 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 Baltimore
15 Museum of Industry Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)
16 \$1,000,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with
17 Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of
18 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public
19 Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of
20 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
22 a 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
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
27 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
28 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
29 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore
30 Museum of Industry, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
31 repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the property at 1425 Key
32 Highway in Baltimore, for use as the Center for Career and Technology Education,

1 the construction and capital equipping of the Glass Industry Exhibit Building, the
2 brick paving of the Waterfront Promenade, and the construction of new permanent
3 exhibits.

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

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

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

27 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
28 and

29 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
30 structures.

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

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