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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Historical Society of Harford County**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000,  
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Historical  
5 Society of Harford County, Inc. for certain acquisition, development, or  
6 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject  
7 to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund;  
8 requiring the grantee to grant and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a  
9 certain kind of easement; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of  
10 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 Historical  
15 Society of Harford County Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser  
16 of (i) \$150,000 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.

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 Board of Directors of the Historical  
7 Society of Harford County, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for  
8 the planning, design, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the headquarters of  
9 the Historical Society of Harford County and the Hays House Museum, located in Bel  
10 Air.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

