

SENATE BILL 244

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*ENROLLED BILL*  
*-- Budget and Taxation/Appropriations --*

Introduced by **Senators Hoffman, Munson, Sfikas, Della, Madden, McFadden,  
Miller, Hollinger, and Ruben**

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

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - The American Visionary Art**  
3 **Museum**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$2,500,000~~  
5 ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$1,750,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of  
6 Directors of The American Visionary Art Museum, Inc. for certain acquisition,  
7 development, or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan  
8 proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a  
9 matching fund; 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 City - The American Visionary Art Museum Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount

1 equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$2,500,000~~ ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$1,750,000 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 American  
16 Visionary Art Museum, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the  
17 renovation, repair, reconstruction, construction, and capital equipping of the adjacent  
18 property at 840 Key Highway in Baltimore City, that will be used for additional  
19 exhibition and educational workshop space and as an urban institute for creative  
20 thinking and for the exchange of ideas and information on the revitalization of cities  
21 and urban regions.

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

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

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

