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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Maryland Community Resource**
3 **Center, Inc.**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland Community Resource Center,
6 Inc. for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes; providing
7 for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee
8 provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance
9 and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Maryland
14 Community Resource Center, Inc. Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount equal to
15 the lesser of (i) \$1,000,000, or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
16 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
17 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
18 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
19 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

20 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
21 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
22 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

23 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
24 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
25 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
26 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
27 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
28 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Maryland Community Resource
29 Center, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning,
30 design, repair, renovation, reconstruction, construction, and capital equipping of a
31 building located at Falls Road and Maryland Avenue in Baltimore City, the building

1 to be used by HERO and Moveable Feast, Inc. to provide comprehensive services for
2 individuals with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human
3 immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

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. The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind
13 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
14 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
15 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
16 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence
17 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
18 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
19 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
20 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
21 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
22 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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