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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Pride of Baltimore II**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$65,000, the
4 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Pride of
5 Baltimore, Inc. for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes;
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
7 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for
8 the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore
13 City - Pride of Baltimore II Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount equal to the
14 lesser of (i) \$65,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance
15 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and
16 delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of
17 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
18 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

22 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
23 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
24 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
25 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the

1 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
2 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Pride of
3 Baltimore, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the repair and
4 renovation of the boat known as the Pride of Baltimore II, including recaulking,
5 upgrading of the waste water treatment system to comply with environmental
6 regulation, and associated capital improvements to the boat.

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

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

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