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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Rehabilitation, Therapy,**  
3 **and Educational Facility for People with Disabilities**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$1,900,000~~  
5 \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland-National Capital  
6 Park and Planning Commission for certain development or improvement  
7 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a  
8 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and  
9 providing generally for the issuance 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 Prince  
14 George's County - Rehabilitation, Therapy, and Educational Facility for People with  
15 Disabilities Loan of 1999 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)  
16 ~~\$1,900,000~~ \$500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance  
17 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and  
18 delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of  
19 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through  
20 8-124 of 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

1 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
2 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
3 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
4 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Maryland-National Capital Park and  
5 Planning Commission (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the  
6 planning, design, construction, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a facility to be  
7 used for therapy, rehabilitation, education, and conferences in association with the  
8 National Accessible Golf Course and to be located in Capitol Heights on the "Berry  
9 Farm" tract of land as an expansion of Walker Mill Regional Park.

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

14 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
15 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
16 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
17 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
18 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of in kind contributions. The fund  
19 may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.  
20 In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets  
21 may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter  
22 and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to present  
23 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be  
24 provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
25 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
26 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided  
27 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund  
28 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 June 1, 1999.