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By: **Senator McFadden**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Hippodrome Theater**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of  
4 \$1,800,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the  
5 Baltimore Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. for certain development or  
6 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds;  
7 requiring the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland  
8 Historical Trust; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds  
9 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 Baltimore  
14 City - Hippodrome Theater Loan of 1999 in the total principal amount of \$1,800,000.  
15 This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general  
16 obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued,  
17 sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance  
18 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  
26 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
27 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore  
28 Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. for the planning, design, repair, renovation,  
29 restoration, reconstruction, construction, and capital equipping of the Hippodrome  
30 Theater in Baltimore, which will become the Hippodrome Performing Arts Center, to  
31 be used as a site for Broadway, regional, and local presentations of the performing

1 arts and also serve as a focal point of urban renewal and preservation of the history of  
2 the City of Baltimore.

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

7 (5) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey  
8 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of  
9 its interest:

10 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;  
11 and

12 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic  
13 structures.

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

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