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By: **Senator Della**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Baltimore Museum Service**
3 **Center, Inc.**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$700,000~~
5 \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the
6 Baltimore Museum Service Center, Inc. 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; requiring
9 the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical
10 Trust; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the
11 loan.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore
16 City - Baltimore Museum Service Center, Inc. Loan of 1999 in a total principal
17 amount equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$700,000~~ \$200,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching
18 fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by
19 the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
20 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
21 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
22 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

23 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
24 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
25 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
2 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
3 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
4 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
5 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
6 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore
7 Museum Service Center, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
8 planning, design, repair, renovation, construction, reconstruction, and capital
9 equipping of the former Coca-Cola manufacturing plant located at 1215 East Fort
10 Avenue in Baltimore City to be used as space to house Baltimore area museum
11 support operations.

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

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

31 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey
32 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of
33 its interest:

34 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
35 and

36 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
37 structures.

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

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

