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By: **Washington County Delegation**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Mentally Impaired or Handicapped Individuals, Inc.**  
3 **(MIHI) Loan of 1997**

4 FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 212 of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
5 1997, the Washington County - Mentally Impaired or Handicapped Individuals  
6 Loan of 1997, to change the grantee's name to the Board of Directors of MIHI,  
7 Inc. and to change the purpose of the funding to planning, design, construction,  
8 and capital equipping of accessible recreational facilities throughout  
9 Washington County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Chapter 212 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997  
12 Section 1

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Chapter 212 of the Acts of 1997**

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
19 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Washington  
20 County - Mentally Impaired or Handicapped Individuals, Inc. (MIHI) Loan of 1997 in  
21 a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$35,000 or (ii) the amount of the  
22 matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be  
23 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds  
24 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and  
25 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and  
26 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

27 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
28 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
29 § 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 [Mentally  
7 Impaired or Handicapped Individuals, Inc. (MIHI)] MIHI, INC. (referred to hereafter  
8 in this Act as "the grantee") for the [acquisition or installment of capital equipment  
9 for playground and picnic areas in Washington County, the equipment to be used by  
10 mentally impaired or handicapped individuals] PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION,  
11 AND CAPITAL EQUIPPING OF ACCESSIBLE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT  
12 WASHINGTON COUNTY.

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

17 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
18 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
19 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
20 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
21 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind  
22 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any  
23 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify  
24 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the  
25 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 1999, to present evidence  
26 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If  
27 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of  
28 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the  
29 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.  
30 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the  
31 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 June 1, 2000.