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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Penn Place**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$250,000~~  
4 \$200,000, the proceeds to be used for a grant to the Mayor and City Council of  
5 Garrett Park for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for  
6 disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee  
7 provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant and convey  
8 a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; and providing generally for  
9 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 Montgomery  
14 County - Penn Place Loan of 2001 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)  
15 ~~\$250,000~~ \$200,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance  
16 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and  
17 delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of  
18 Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through  
19 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

20 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
21 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
22 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

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

1 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
2 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
3 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of Garrett  
4 Park (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the repair, renovation,  
5 reconstruction, and capital equipping of Penn Place in Garrett Park.

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

10 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
11 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
12 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
13 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
14 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind  
15 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any  
16 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify  
17 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the  
18 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to present evidence  
19 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If  
20 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of  
21 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the  
22 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.  
23 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the  
24 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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

28 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;  
29 and

30 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic  
31 structures.

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

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
35 effect June 1, 2001.

