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	CHAPTER
1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Creation of a State Debt - Good Samaritan Hospital of Maryland <u>Good</u> <u>Health Center</u>
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Good Samaritan Hospital of Maryland, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; prohibiting the use of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds and the matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.
12 13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:
16 17 18 19 20 21	(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Good Samaritan Hospital of Maryland Good Health Center Loan of 2001 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.
	(2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 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 Good Samaritan 7 Hospital of Maryland, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the 8 planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the Good Health Center at 9 Good Samaritan Hospital of Maryland, to be used to improve patient health care in 10 Northeast Baltimore.
- 11 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in 12 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and 13 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years 14 after the date of issuance of the bonds.
- 15 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the 16 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either 18 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or 19 unappropriated. No part of the The fund may consist of real property, in kind 20 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any 21 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the 23 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to present evidence 24 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If 25 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of 26 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the 27 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. 28 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the 29 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.
- 30 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be 31 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the 32 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of 33 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or 34 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board 35 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none 36 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a 37 purpose prohibited by this Act.
- 38 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 39 June 1, 2001.