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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Homeless Center**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000,
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Community
5 Ministry of Prince George's County, Inc. for certain development or
6 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject
7 to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund;
8 prohibiting the use of the proceeds of the loan or the matching fund for sectarian
9 religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure
10 of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
11 evidencing the 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 Prince
16 George's County - Homeless Center Loan of 2006 in a total principal amount equal to
17 the lesser of (i) \$500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
18 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
19 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
20 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
21 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

25 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
26 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
27 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
28 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
29 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
30 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of Community
31 Ministry of Prince George's County, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the

1 grantee") for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and capital equipping of
2 a homeless center, located in Seat Pleasant.

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) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
8 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
9 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
10 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
11 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. No
12 part of the fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.
13 In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets
14 may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter
15 and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2008, to present
16 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be
17 provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
18 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
19 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
20 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
21 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

22 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be
23 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the
24 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of
25 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or
26 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board
27 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none
28 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a
29 purpose prohibited by this Act.

30 (7) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of
31 Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2013. If any
32 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1,
33 2013, the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be
34 canceled and be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the
35 amount of unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as
36 provided in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

37 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
38 June 1, 2006.