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By: **Senator McFadden**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - L.A.M.B. Community Resource**  
3                                   **Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of  
5 \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of  
6 L.A.M.B., Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for  
7 disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee  
8 provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the loan proceeds or the  
9 matching fund from being used for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a  
10 deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing  
11 generally for the issuance and sale of bonds 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 Baltimore  
16 City - L.A.M.B. Community Resource Center Loan of 2006 in the total principal  
17 amount of \$500,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of  
18 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public  
19 Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of  
20 the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

24       (3)       The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
27 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
28 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
29 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of L.A.M.B., Inc.  
30 (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning, design,  
31 construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the L.A.M.B.  
32 Community Resource Center, located on East North Avenue, in Baltimore City.

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

5 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
6 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
7 matching fund of \$250,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,  
8 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
9 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds  
10 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount  
11 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
12 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.  
13 The grantee has until June 1, 2008, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of  
14 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is  
15 presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of  
16 the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.

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

25 (7) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of  
26 Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2013. If any  
27 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1,  
28 2013, the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be  
29 canceled and be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the  
30 amount of unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as  
31 provided in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

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