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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Coppin State University**
3 **Lutheran Site Demolition**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of
5 \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of
6 Baltimore for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for
7 disbursement of the loan proceeds; requiring the grantee to grant and convey a
8 certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; establishing a deadline for
9 the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally
10 for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore
15 City - Coppin State University Lutheran Site Demolition Loan of 2006 in the total
16 principal amount of \$1,000,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
17 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
18 of 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
26 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
27 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
28 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore
29 for the demolition of certain buildings at the old Lutheran hospital site, located at the
30 intersection of Raynor Avenue and North Ashburton Street 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) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey
6 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of
7 its interest:

8 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
9 and

10 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
11 structures.

12 (b) If the grantee or beneficiary of the grant holds a lease on the land
13 and structures, the Trust may accept an easement on the leasehold interest.

14 (c) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
15 and any liens or encumbrances against the land or the structures must be acceptable
16 to the Trust.

17 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of
18 Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2013. If any
19 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1,
20 2013, the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be
21 canceled and be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the
22 amount of unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as
23 provided in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

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