

WHEREAS, In 1891, the 38-year old congregation engaged the services of Joseph Evans Sperry, an architect renowned for the eclectic nature of his work, whose plans were given form by the contracting firm of Philip Walsh & Sons, with the marble work completed by John McKnight; and

WHEREAS, The exterior of the edifice is marble with a central copper dome and two smaller flanking domes each set on a tower; and

WHEREAS, The Eutaw Street facade has an arcade of 3 arches at the entrance with a repeat design of a 5-arch arcade on the second story; and

WHEREAS, The lanterns of the two tower domes are supported by arched arcades, and the polygonal lantern of the principal dome is decorated with the Star of David; and

WHEREAS, In the recent past the exterior of the building has fallen into some disrepair with the marble surfaces in need of cleaning and pointing and with the irreplaceable copper dome in a deteriorated state; and

WHEREAS, The craftsmen skilled in performing this intricate and painstaking repair work are no longer readily found, and the search for such artisans has extended beyond the borders of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Eutaw Place Temple is on the National Historic Register as a part of the Bolton Hill Historic District, and being situated on the highest point in the City in downtown Baltimore, the Temple is not only a landmark of great historical and religious significance, but is an artistic and architectural treasure that links Baltimore's rich past to its dynamic present and future; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for the State to assist in the difficult and delicate job of restoring the magnificent copper dome and the marble exterior of the Temple in order to prevent further damage to the building and to preserve for future generations one of Maryland's unique cultural and artistic monuments; now, therefore,

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

(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 Eutaw Place Temple Loan of 1985 in the aggregate principal amount of ~~\$260,000~~ \$250,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance and sale of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold and delivered in accordance with the provisions of §§ 19 to 23 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1983