calculated with reference to the earnings of the workman under the employer by whom he is immediately employed.

- (B) Where the principal contractor is liable to pay compensation under this section, he shall be entitled to indemnity from any employer, who would have been liable to pay compensation to the employee independently of this section, and shall have a cause of action therefor against such employer.
- $\{\theta\}$ (C) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing a workman from recovering compensation under this article from the subcontractor instead of from the contractor.
- $\{E\}$ (D) Whenever an employee of a subcontractor files a claim under this article against the principal contractor, the principal contractor shall have the right to join the subcontractor or any intermediate contractors as defendant or codefendant in the case.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

CHAPTER 622

(Senate Bill 827)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc.

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$700,000 \$500,000 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc. for the renovation, construction, reconstruction, and improvement of a facility to be used by the Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc. for the administration, dispatch, and distribution of meals; subject to the requirement that the Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc. provide at least an equal and matching fund of a certain kind for the same purpose by a certain date; and providing generally for the issue and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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