

## Section 1

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Chapter 260 of the Acts of 1994**

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(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 Center Stage Loan of 1994 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$300,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

(3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Center Stage Associates, Inc. for the acquisition and renovation [of the Sun Papers Building located at the corner of North Calvert Street and East Read Street in] OF A BUILDING IN THE MOUNT VERNON-BELVEDERE AREA OF Baltimore City to provide intern [housing, a carriage house for additional] AND artist housing, and storage areas, and for the renovation of the building at 700 North Calvert Street and artist housing located in the 800 block of North Calvert Street and to provide handicapped access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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

(5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the Board of Trustees of Center Stage Associates, Inc. shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of an applicant's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The Board of Trustees of Center Stage Associates, Inc. has until June 1, 1996, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a