

employer that did not exist during the preceding calendar year shall, during its first year, employ on at least 50 percent of its working days at least two but no more than 50 eligible employees.

(8) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (6)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN OTHERWISE SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A SMALL EMPLOYER IS ELIGIBLE TO BE OFFERED COVERAGE BY A CARRIER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF:

(I) ALL BUT ONE OF THE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE SMALL EMPLOYER ARE COVERED UNDER ANOTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN OR OTHER HEALTH BENEFIT ARRANGEMENT; AND

(II) ONLY ONE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE OF THE SMALL EMPLOYER IS NOT COVERED UNDER ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN OR OTHER HEALTH BENEFIT ARRANGEMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 30, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 280**

**(House Bill 866)**

AN ACT concerning

**Creation of a State Debt – Frederick County – Lamar Sanitarium – Historic Museum**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Central Maryland Heritage League, Inc. for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring a historic easement; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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 Frederick County – Lamar Sanitarium – Historic Museum Loan of 1996 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$100,000 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.