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(a) A person who willfully or knowingly violates this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding [\$5,000] \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding [1 year] 2 YEARS or both.

(b) Each associate, employee, manager, or partner who participates in or consents to a violation of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

(c) Each violation of this title is a separate offense.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 12-209(a)(2)(vi) of the Business Regulation Article, as enacted by this Act, shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to licensees or license applicants for employees hired before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 228**

**(House Bill 280)**

AN ACT concerning

**Franciscan Center Loan of 1994**

FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 198 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, the Franciscan Center Loan of 1994, as amended by Chapter 452 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996; altering the address of the project for which the proceeds of the bonds will be used; and extending the time by which the grantee shall provide a matching fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 198 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as amended by Chapter 452 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996

Section 1

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

**Chapter 198 of the Acts of 1994, as amended by Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1996**

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 Franciscan