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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 252

(House Bill 646)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Islamic Society of Baltimore, Inc. - Community Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$600,000~~ ~~\$300,000~~ \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Islamic Society of Baltimore, 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; providing that no proceeds of a loan or any matching funds may be used for religious purposes; 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 Islamic Society of Baltimore, Inc. - Community Center Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$600,000~~ ~~\$300,000~~ \$200,000 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