matching fund of \$75,000. No part of the grantee'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 grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

- (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its interest:
- (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
- (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic structures.
- (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

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

Approved May 21, 1998.

## **CHAPTER 675**

(House Bill 199)

AN ACT concerning

## University System of Maryland Workforce Flexibility Act

FOR the purpose of allowing certain State employees of the University System of Maryland who are members of the Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System to retire early with a service retirement allowance during a certain period of time under certain circumstances; prohibiting a member who retires under this Act from receiving an allowance that exceeds a certain amount; authorizing the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt certain regulations providing for the benefits on early retirement under this Act; altering the conditions under which a member who retires under this Act may become reemployed by certain employers; allowing certain employees who are separated from employment under certain