

WHEREAS,--It--is--the--intent--of--the--General--Assembly--to provide--State--assistance--to--local--governments--for--the purpose--of--converting--surplus--public--school--buildings--and other--public--buildings--or--parts--thereof--to--use--as--centers for--elderly--citizens,--now,--therefore,

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 Elderly Citizens Activities [Center] CENTERS Improvements Loan of 1979 in the aggregate principal amount of [\$2,600,000] \$3,600,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance and sale of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold and delivered in accordance with the provisions of §§ 19 to 23 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement, as amended from time to time).

(2)--The--bonds--issued--to--evidence--this--loan--or installments--thereof--may--be--sold--as--a--single--issue,--or--may be--consolidated--and--sold--as--part--of--a--single--issue--of--bonds under--§--2B--of--Article--31--of--the--Code--

(3)--The--actual--cash--proceeds--of--the--sale--of--the--bonds shall--be--paid--to--the--Treasurer--and--shall--be--first--applied--to the--payment--of--the--expenses--of--issuing--and--delivering--the bonds--unless--funds--for--this--purpose--are--otherwise--provided and--thereafter--shall--be--credited--on--the--books--of--the--State Comptroller--and--expended,--upon--approval--by--the--Board--of Public--Works,--for--the--following--public--purposes,--including any--applicable--architects'--and--engineers'--fees--for--State grants--to--local--governmental--agencies--for--(1)--the--conversion of--surplus--public--school--buildings--and--other--public buildings--to--Elderly--Citizen--Activities--Centers,--(2)--in Howard--County,--the--design,--planning,--and--construction--of--new buildings--for--use--as--elderly--citizen--activities--centers,--and (3)--equipping--the--converted--centers--and--new--buildings--to serve--the--needs--of--elderly--citizens--

(a)--The--Director--of--the--Office--on--Aging--is hereby--authorized--and--directed--to--develop--rules--and regulations--to--carry--out--the--intent--of--this--Act,--and--to promulgate--them--after--they--have--been--approved--by--the--Board of--Public--Works--

(b)--Any--local--governmental--agency--may--apply--to the--Office--on--Aging--for--a--State--grant--to--be--applied--toward the--cost--of--converting--a--surplus--school--building--or--other public--building--or--a--part--thereof--to--an--Elderly--Citizen Activities--Center,--and--in--Howard--County,--toward--the--cost--of designing,--planning,--constructing,--and--equipping--of--a--new