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By: **Delegates J. Kelly, Klima, Kach, Mitchell, Rzepkowski, Valderrama,  
Brown, Moe, Kirk, and McClenahan**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **World War II Memorial Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain amount in the State  
4 budget of a certain fiscal year to the Department of Veterans Affairs, to be  
5 donated by the Department to the World War II Memorial Fund; and generally  
6 relating to the World War II Memorial Fund.

7 Preamble

8 WHEREAS, Currently, there exists no national memorial dedicated to those  
9 United States citizens who served during the Second World War; and

10 WHEREAS, Sixteen million people served in the Armed Forces of the U.S.  
11 during the Second World War, including 250,000 residents of Maryland; and

12 WHEREAS, 406,000 Americans gave their lives fighting for our country during  
13 the Second World War, including 6,493 residents of Maryland; and

14 WHEREAS, The citizens of the United States contributed and sacrificed as a  
15 nation to support the troops abroad; and

16 WHEREAS, A national World War II Memorial Fund has been established to  
17 raise money for the construction of the first memorial in the United States to  
18 American citizens who served in the Second World War; and

19 WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland will have a unique opportunity to enjoy  
20 the benefits of the Memorial, due to the close proximity of its future location,  
21 Washington, D.C.; and

22 WHEREAS, The citizens of all states deserve to create a lasting reminder of  
23 friends and family members who gave their lives in the Second World War so that  
24 future generations might be free; now, therefore,

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
26 MARYLAND, That the Governor shall appropriate \$250,000 in the State budget for  
27 fiscal year 2001 to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Department shall donate

1 the appropriation to the World War II Memorial Fund located at 2300 Clarendon  
2 Boulevard, Suite 501, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 July 1, 2000.