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ENROLLED BILL
-- Appropriations/Budget and Taxation --

Introduced by **Delegates Walkup, W. Baker, and Guns**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER 574

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Kent County - Schooner Sultana Project**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$200,000~~
4 \$150,000 \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors
5 of Chester River Craft and Art, Inc. for certain development or improvement
6 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a
7 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and
8 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Kent County
13 - Schooner Sultana Loan of 2000 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)
14 ~~\$200,000~~ \$150,000 \$100,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
15 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
16 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board

1 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
2 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

3 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
4 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
5 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

6 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
7 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
8 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
9 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
10 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
11 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of Chester River
12 Craft and Art, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning,
13 design, construction, and capital equipping of a reproduction of the 1767 schooner
14 "Sultana", for use as a "hands on" classroom for the teaching of colonial history,
15 environmental science, and vocational skills.

16 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in
17 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and
18 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years
19 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

20 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
21 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
22 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
23 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
24 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property. The fund may
25 consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this
26 Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or
27 assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the
28 matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to
29 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will
30 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and
31 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
32 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
33 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
34 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
36 June 1, 2000.

