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**By: Senator Ruben**

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County - Center on Domestic Violence Loan of 1995**

3 FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 214 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995,  
4 the Montgomery County - Center on Domestic Violence Loan of 1995, to alter the  
5 purpose for which the proceeds of the bonds will be used.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Chapter 214 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995  
8 Section 1

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 **Chapter 214 of the Acts of 1995**

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness  
15 on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Montgomery  
16 County - Center on Domestic Violence Loan of 1995 in a total principal amount equal to  
17 the lesser of (i) \$700,000, or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance  
18 with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of  
19 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works  
20 and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State  
21 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

22 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold  
23 as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
24 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

25 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
26 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering  
27 the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be  
28 credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of  
29 Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and  
30 engineers' fees: as a grant to the Department of Addiction, Victim, and Mental Health  
31 Services of Montgomery County for THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR, AND FOR

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1 the planning, design, renovation, construction, equipping, and furnishing of, a center on  
2 domestic violence to be located in Montgomery County, to be used for inpatient and  
3 outpatient services for victims of domestic violence and their families.

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

8 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for  
9 the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the Department of Addiction, Victim, and  
10 Mental Health Services of Montgomery County shall provide and expend a matching  
11 fund. No part of an applicant's matching fund may be provided, either directly or  
12 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of  
13 the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to  
14 the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching  
15 fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works  
16 shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The Department of  
17 Addiction, Victim, and Mental Health Services of Montgomery County has until June 1,  
18 1997, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund  
19 will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
20 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
21 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in  
22 this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified  
23 by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 June 1, 1997.