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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - St. Mary's County - Tudor Hall**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt ~~not to exceed in the~~
4 amount of \$65,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the St. Mary's County
5 Historical Society for certain acquisition, 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~~; requiring
8 the grantee to convey a historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; and
9 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the St. Mary's
14 County - Tudor Hall Loan of 1998 in ~~a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)~~
15 ~~\$65,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section~~
16 ~~4(5) below~~ the total principal amount of \$65,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the
17 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
18 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
19 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
20 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and

1 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
2 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
3 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
4 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the St. Mary's County Historical Society
5 (~~referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee"~~) for the repair, renovation,
6 restoration, and capital equipping of Tudor Hall in Leonardtown in St. Mary's County.

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

11 ~~(5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the~~
12 ~~purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a~~
13 ~~matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either~~
14 ~~directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or~~
15 ~~unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds~~
16 ~~expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount~~
17 ~~of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the~~
18 ~~Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.~~
19 ~~The grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of~~
20 ~~Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is~~
21 ~~presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to~~
22 ~~the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching~~
23 ~~fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan~~
24 ~~in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works~~
25 ~~shall be canceled and be of no further effect.~~

26 ~~(6)~~ (5) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and
27 convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the
28 extent of its interest:

29 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
30 and

31 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
32 structures.

33 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust
34 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

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

