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By: **Senators Hogan, Roesser, and Ruben**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Waters Property Historical**
3 **Site**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,100,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland-National Capital Park and
6 Planning Commission for certain acquisition, development, or improvement
7 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a
8 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring
9 the grantee to convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; and
10 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Montgomery
15 County - Waters Property Historical Site Loan of 1998 in a total principal amount
16 equal to the lesser of (i) \$1,100,000, or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided
17 in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance,
18 sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the
19 Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117
20 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of
21 the Code.

22 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
23 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
27 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
28 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
29 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
30 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Maryland-National Capital Park and
31 Planning Commission (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
32 repair, restoration, and rehabilitation of, and for the provision of capital equipment

1 for, the barn at the Waters Complex at Milestone in Germantown, and for the design,
2 fabrication, and mounting of a permanent exhibit of the history of Montgomery
3 County in the barn.

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
6 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years
7 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

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

23 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey
24 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of
25 its interest:

26 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
27 and

28 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
29 structures.

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

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