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By: **Cecil County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Cecil County - Town of Rising Sun Museum and**
3 **Visitors Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of
5 \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Board of Town
6 Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun for certain development or
7 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject
8 to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; 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 Cecil County
14 - Town of Rising Sun Loan of 1999 in the total principal amount of \$100,000. This
15 loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation
16 bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
17 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and
18 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

22 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
23 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
24 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
25 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
26 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
27 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Mayor and Board of Town
28 Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the
29 grantee") for the repair, renovation, construction, reconstruction, and capital
30 equipping of a building to house the Rising Sun Historical Museum and Visitors
31 Center.

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

5 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
6 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
7 matching fund of \$50,000. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,
8 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
9 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of in kind contributions. The fund
10 may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.
11 In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets
12 may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter
13 and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to present
14 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be
15 provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the
16 State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes
17 provided in this Act.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 June 1, 1999.