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By: **Senators Jacobs, Hooper, and Collins**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Harford County - City of Havre de Grace**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of
4 \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of
5 the City of Havre de Grace for certain development or improvement purposes;
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
7 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for
8 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 Harford
13 County - City of Havre de Grace Loan of 1999 in the total principal amount equal to
14 the lesser of (i) \$500,000 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
17 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
18 8-124 of the State Finance and 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 City Council of the City of
28 Havre de Grace (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the Phase III
29 improvement of the city water distribution system including, but not limited to,
30 cleaning and cement mortar lining of approximately 30,000 linear feet of 6, 8, 10, and
31 12 inch water mains, furnishing, installing, and removing approximately 30,000
32 linear feet of bypass pipe; and installing new gate valves and boxes.

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. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
8 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
9 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
10 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
11 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
12 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
13 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to present evidence
14 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
15 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State
16 Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in
17 this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
18 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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