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By: **Senator Hooper**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt ~~in the amount of~~  
5 \$100,000 not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor  
6 and Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun for certain  
7 development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan  
8 proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a  
9 matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds  
10 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 Cecil County  
15 - Town of Rising Sun Historical Museum and Visitors Center Loan of 1999 ~~in the total~~  
16 ~~principal amount of \$100,000 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)~~  
17 \$50,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section  
18 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State  
19 general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and  
20 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 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.

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

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

15 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
16 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
17 matching fund ~~of \$50,000~~. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided,  
18 either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
19 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of in kind contributions. The fund  
20 may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.  
21 In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets  
22 may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter  
23 and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2001, to present  
24 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be  
25 provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
26 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
27 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided  
28 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund  
29 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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