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By: **Delegates Proctor and Vallario**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Hard Bargain Farm**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000,  
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Alice Ferguson  
5 Foundation, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing  
6 for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee  
7 provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance  
8 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 Prince  
13 George's County - Hard Bargain Farm Loan of 2000 in a total principal amount equal  
14 to the lesser of (i) \$300,000 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 Board of Directors of the Alice  
28 Ferguson Foundation, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the  
29 repair, renovation, construction and capital equipping of Hard Bargain Farm, located  
30 at 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, Maryland 20607.

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. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds  
10 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount  
11 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
12 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.  
13 The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of  
14 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is  
15 presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to  
16 the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching  
17 fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan  
18 in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works  
19 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 June 1, 2000.