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By: **Washington County Delegation**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Washington County - Hagerstown Police Athletic**
3 **League**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$122,752,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Hagerstown Area
6 Police Athletic League, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes;
7 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
8 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; providing that the grantee
9 shall grant and 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 Washington
15 County - Hagerstown Police Athletic League Loan of 2000 in a total principal amount
16 equal to the lesser of (i) \$122,752 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
17 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
18 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
19 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through
20 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

21 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
22 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
23 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
27 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
28 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
29 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of Hagerstown
30 Area Police Athletic League, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for
31 the construction and capital equipping of the Hagerstown Police Athletic League in
32 Washington County.

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 or funds expended prior to the
10 effective date of this Act. No part of the fund may consist of in kind contributions. In
11 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, 2002, 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 and
16 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
17 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
18 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
19 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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

23 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
24 and

25 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
26 structures.

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

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