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CHAPTER _____

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 \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of
6 Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League, Inc. 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;
9 providing that the grantee shall grant and convey a certain easement to the
10 Maryland Historical Trust; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of
11 bonds evidencing the loan.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Washington
16 County - Hagerstown Police Athletic League Loan of 2000 in a total principal amount
17 equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$122,752~~ \$75,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund
18 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the
19 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
20 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
21 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and
22 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

23 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as
24 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
25 § 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 Board of Directors of Hagerstown
7 Area Police Athletic League, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for
8 the construction and capital equipping of the Hagerstown Police Athletic League in
9 Washington County.

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

14 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
15 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
16 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
17 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
18 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds
19 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. ~~No part of the fund may consist of in~~
20 ~~kind contributions.~~ In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or
21 what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall
22 determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1,
23 2002, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching
24 fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this
25 fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of
26 the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes
27 provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching
28 fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further
29 effect.

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

33 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
34 and

35 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic
36 structures.

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

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

