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By: **Senator Middleton**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Charles County - Lions Camp Merrick Program**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$250,000~~  
4 \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Lions  
5 Camp Merrick, Inc. 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 Charles  
13 County - Lions Camp Merrick Program Loan of 2000 in a total principal amount  
14 equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$250,000~~ \$150,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund  
15 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the  
16 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a  
17 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance  
18 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and  
19 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

23 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
24 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
25 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then

1 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
2 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
3 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of Lions Camp  
4 Merrick, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the construction  
5 and capital equipping of Lions Camp Merrick, located in Nanjemoy, Charles County,  
6 Maryland.

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

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

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