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By: **Senator Colburn**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Talbot County - Chesapeake Bay Maritime**  
3 **Museum**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$750,000~~  
5 \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Governors of the  
6 Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 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; and  
9 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Talbot  
14 County - Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Loan of 2000 in a total principal  
15 amount equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$750,000~~ \$100,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching  
16 fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by  
17 the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a  
18 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance  
19 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and  
20 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

1 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
2 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
3 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
4 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Governors of the Chesapeake  
5 Bay Maritime Museum, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the  
6 planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of new buildings, and for the  
7 repair, renovation, and reconstruction of existing facilities and exhibits, including  
8 Marine Railway and Vessels, at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in Talbot  
9 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. No part of the fund may consist of real ~~property. The fund may~~  
19 ~~consist of property~~, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date  
20 of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what  
21 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 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 June 1, 2000.