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By: **Senators Mooney and Ferguson**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Frederick County - American Red Cross**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$650,000~~  
4 \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the  
5 Frederick County Chapter of the American Red Cross for certain development or  
6 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject  
7 to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and  
8 providing generally for 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 Frederick  
13 County - American Red Cross Loan of 2000 in a total principal amount equal to the  
14 lesser of (i) ~~\$650,000~~ \$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

1 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
2 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Frederick  
3 County Chapter of the American Red Cross (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the  
4 grantee") for the acquisition, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping  
5 of the Frederick County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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

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

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