

1 WHEREAS, Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) data from all Maryland
2 hospitals validates Somerset County's disproportionate increase in cancer and heart
3 disease patients; and

4 WHEREAS, For the period from 1998 to 1999, the rates of hospitalization for
5 lung cancer were 2% statewide and 7% for Somerset County; and

6 WHEREAS, For the period from 1998 to 1999, the rates of hospitalization for
7 heart disease were 5% statewide and 16% for Somerset County; and

8 WHEREAS, Of the current residents at the Alice B. Tawes Nursing Home,
9 which is a part of the McCreedy health care facilities in Crisfield, 86% have heart
10 disease, 17% have Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease (COPD), and 3% have
11 cancer; now, therefore,

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, from the funds in the
14 Cigarette Restitution Fund established under § 7-317 of the State Finance and
15 Procurement Article, the amount of \$1,800,000 shall be expended in fiscal year 2001
16 as a grant to the Board of Directors of the McCreedy Health Services Foundation for
17 the purpose of the creation of a new 12,665 square foot addition to the existing
18 structure of the Alice B. Tawes Nursing Home, in Crisfield, Somerset County.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2000.