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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - St. Mary's County - Patuxent River Naval Air**
3 **Museum and Visitors Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$1,000,000~~
5 \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of County
6 Commissioners of St. Mary's County for certain development or improvement
7 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a
8 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 St. Mary's
14 County - Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and Visitors Center Loan of 2001 in a
15 total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$500,000 or (ii) the amount
16 of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall
17 be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds
18 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
19 delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and
20 Procurement Article and 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.

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 County Commissioners of St.
7 Mary's County (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning,
8 design, construction, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the
9 buildings and permanent exhibits of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and
10 Visitors Center, a multiphase, multiyear project, to be located adjacent to the
11 Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Lexington Park, Maryland, featuring interactive
12 exhibits and hands-on learning experiences for young people, opening a window into
13 the high-technology frontiers explored at Patuxent River, and stimulating interest in
14 technology careers and education.

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

19 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
20 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
21 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
22 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
23 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind
24 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
25 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify
26 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
27 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to present evidence
28 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
29 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
30 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
31 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
32 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
33 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
35 June 1, 2001.