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By: **Senator Stoltzfus**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Somerset County - Teackle Mansion and Sarah**  
3 **Martin Done House**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$360,000,  
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Somerset  
6 County Historical Society, Inc. for certain development or improvement  
7 purposes; requiring the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the  
8 Maryland Historical Trust; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds,  
9 subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund;  
10 and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Somerset  
15 County - Teackle Mansion and Sarah Martin Done House Loan of 2001 in a total  
16 principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$360,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching  
17 fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by  
18 the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a  
19 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance  
20 with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and  
21 Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

22 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as  
23 a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under  
24 § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

25 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
26 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
27 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
28 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
29 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
30 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Somerset  
31 County Historical Society, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for  
32 the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Teackle Mansion,

1 located at 11736 Mansion Street, for the acquisition, repair, renovation,  
2 reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Sarah Martin Done House, located on a  
3 parcel of land adjacent to Teackle Mansion, and for the acquisition of a parcel of land  
4 adjacent to the Sarah Martin Done House, to be used for a museum and related  
5 facilities in Somerset County.

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. No part of the fund may  
15 consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this  
16 Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or  
17 assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the  
18 matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to  
19 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will  
20 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
21 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
22 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided  
23 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund  
24 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

25 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey  
26 to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of  
27 its interest:

28 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;  
29 and

30 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic  
31 structures.

32 (b) If the grantee or beneficiary of the grant holds a lease on the land  
33 and structures, the Trust may accept an easement on the leasehold interest.

34 (c) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust  
35 and any liens or encumbrances against the land or the structures must be acceptable  
36 to the Trust.

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