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By: **Washington County Delegation**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Washington County - Hagerstown Model Railroad**  
3 **Museum**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the  
5 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Hagerstown Model  
6 Railroad Museum, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes;  
7 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that  
8 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant  
9 and convey an easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; and providing  
10 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 Washington  
15 County - Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum Loan of 2002 in a total principal  
16 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$50,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund  
17 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the  
18 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 Directors of Hagerstown  
31 Model Railroad Museum, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for

1 the repair, renovation, and reconstruction of historic Antietam Station near  
2 Sharpsburg.

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

7 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
8 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
9 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
10 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
11 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds  
12 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount  
13 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
14 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.  
15 The grantee has until June 1, 2004, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of  
16 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is  
17 presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to  
18 the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching  
19 fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan  
20 in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works  
21 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 June 1, 2002.