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By: **Senator Stoltzfus**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County - Ocean City Visitors and Information Center Loan of 2000**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the use of funds in Chapter 641 of the Acts of the General
4 Assembly of 2000, Worcester County - Ocean City Visitors and Information
5 Center Loan of 2000, to allow renovation; extending the date by which the
6 grantee is required to provide a matching fund, from June 1, 2002 to June 1,
7 2004; and generally relating to the Worcester County - Ocean City Visitors and
8 Information Center Loan of 2000.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Chapter 641 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000
11 Section 1(3) and (5)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Chapter 641 of the Acts of 2000**

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
18 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
19 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
20 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
21 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
22 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Ocean City,
23 Maryland Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the
24 grantee") for the planning, design, construction, RENOVATION, and capital equipping
25 (including furnishing) of the Ocean City Visitors and Information Center, to be located
26 in Worcester County.

27 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
28 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
29 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
30 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or

1 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds
2 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount
3 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the
4 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.
5 The grantee has until June 1, [2002] 2004, to present evidence satisfactory to the
6 Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence
7 is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to
8 the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching
9 fund shall be extended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan
10 in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works
11 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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