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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Anacostia Watershed**  
3 **Society**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000,  
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Anacostia  
6 Watershed Society for certain development or improvement purposes; providing  
7 for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee  
8 provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant and convey  
9 a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; and providing generally for  
10 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 Prince  
15 George's County - Anacostia Watershed Society Loan of 2003 in a total principal  
16 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$100,000 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 Anacostia  
31 Watershed Society (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the

1 acquisition and renovation of the George Washington House located at 4302  
2 Baltimore Avenue in Bladensburg, and for the installation and maintenance of trash  
3 collecting devices along the tributaries of the Anacostia River.

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

8 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
9 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
10 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
11 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
12 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind  
13 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any  
14 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify  
15 as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the  
16 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2005, to present evidence  
17 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If  
18 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of  
19 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the  
20 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.  
21 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the  
22 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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

26 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;  
27 and

28 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic  
29 structures.

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

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

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
36 June 1, 2003.