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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
 Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2006  
 Assigned to: Appropriations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Capital Revolving Financial Fund for Fire Fighting**  
 3 **Equipment and Facilities**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of general obligation bonding authority of  
 5 the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the purpose of providing  
 6 appropriations to the St. Mary's County Capital Revolving Financial Fund for  
 7 Fire Fighting Equipment and Facilities; and generally relating to the St. Mary's  
 8 County Capital Revolving Financial Fund for Fire Fighting Equipment and  
 9 Facilities.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 11 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County  
 12 Section 46-2 A.  
 13 Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
 14 (2002 Edition, as amended)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 16 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County  
 17 Section 46-2 D.(1)  
 18 Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
 19 (2002 Edition, as amended)

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

22 **Article 19 - St. Mary's County**

23 46-2.

24 A. In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 Construction means construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement,  
 26 expansion, alteration, rehabilitation, and repair of buildings and facilities necessary  
 27 for the operation of volunteer fire, ambulance, and rescue departments.

1 Construction costs includes, but is not limited to, architects' and engineers' fees,  
2 costs of building means of access, and costs of extending utility systems.

3 County means the body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland known as  
4 the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

5 Fire fighting equipment means:

6 (1) Necessary furnishing;

7 (2) Fire fighting, rescue and emergency medical equipment; and

8 (3) Fixed, permanent equipment used and operated by volunteer fire,  
9 ambulance, and rescue departments.

10 Fund means the St. Mary's County Capital Revolving Financial Fund for Fire  
11 Fighting Equipment and Facilities.

12 Land acquisition means the acquisition of real and personal property for the  
13 construction of buildings to house fire fighting, rescue and emergency medical service  
14 equipment and services.

15 D. Bonds.

16 (1) In order to provide moneys for appropriation to the Fund, the county  
17 is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money and incur indebtedness. To  
18 evidence such borrowing, the county is hereby authorized and empowered to issue  
19 and sell upon its full faith and credit general obligation bonds at any time and from  
20 time to time for such purposes, provided that the aggregate principal amount of bonds  
21 issued and outstanding under this section, together with the principal amount of any  
22 alternative financing pursuant to subsection K hereof, shall not exceed [three million  
23 dollars (\$3,000,000.00)] FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00). The authority to issue  
24 general obligation bonds conferred hereby shall be deemed to provide an additional  
25 and alternative authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental  
26 and additional to any authority to issue general obligation bonds conferred by other  
27 laws.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2006.