

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1579  
Appropriations

(Delegate Weldon)

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**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 - Frederick County -  
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Catoctin Aqueduct**

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This bill authorizes the Board of Directors of the Catoctin Aqueduct Restoration Fund, Inc., as grantee, to use funds expended prior to June 1, 2007 to meet matching fund requirements for a grant for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Catoctin Aqueduct, as provided in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Altering matching fund requirements would not materially affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not affect the finances or operations of Frederick County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 488 of 2007 authorized up to \$200,000 in matching funds for the repair, restoration, reconstruction, and stabilization of the National Historic Catoctin Aqueduct located at the 51.5 mile mark of the C&O Canal between Point of Rocks and Brunswick. The grantee is required to present evidence of the required matching fund to the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2009.

**Background:** According to information supplied by the grantee, the Catoctin Aqueduct was constructed between the years of 1832 and 1834. Two of the aqueduct's three arches have since collapsed into Catoctin Creek. The project will make use of the aqueduct's original cut stones and wrought iron railing segments to restore its original appearance.

The grantee expended \$89,200 for engineering services after the 2007 authorization passed, but prior to the legislation's June 1, 2007 effective date. This bill would authorize the grantee to use these funds to meet a portion of the matching fund requirement.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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