

Creation of a State Debt
Maryland Transportation Authority - Choptank
River Bridge

FOR--the--purpose--of--authorizing--the--creation--of--a--State--Debt--in--the--amount--of--\$75,000,000,--the--proceeds--to--be--used--for--the--planning,--design,--and--construction--of--a--new--Choptank--River--Bridge--at--Cambridge,--and--providing--generally--for--the--issue--and--sale--of--bonds--evidencing--the--loan.

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

(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Choptank River Bridge Loan of 1981 in the aggregate principal amount of \$75,000,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance and sale of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold and delivered in accordance with the provisions of §§ 19 to 23 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement, as amended from time to time).

(2) The bonds issued to evidence this loan or installments thereof may be sold as a single issue, or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 2B of Article 31 of the Code.

(3) The actual cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and shall be first applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing and delivering the bonds unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided and thereafter shall be credited on the books of the State Comptroller and expended, upon approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees, for the planning, design, and construction of a new Choptank River Bridge at Cambridge.

(4) There is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on all assessable property in the State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and when due and until paid in full, such principal to be discharged within fifteen years of the date of issue of the bonds. FOR the purpose of mandating that the Maryland Transportation Authority construct, operate, and maintain a bridge across the Choptank River as a transportation facilities project; providing the Authority with certain condemnation powers; providing for conformance with certain other provisions; providing for trust agreement conditions; and providing for the treatment of tolls.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,