

BY adding to

Article - State Finance and Procurement  
 Section ~~8-131.2~~ 8-122.1, 8-123.1, and 8-123.2  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1988 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has enjoyed great success in public financing through the issuance and sale of State general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Many large institutional investors have been able to purchase those bonds as investment tools; and

WHEREAS, Many Maryland citizens are proud of the State and its accomplishments and also desire to invest in Maryland's future; and

WHEREAS, Due to the high cost of State general obligation bonds, many of Maryland's citizens, who are small investors, are financially unable to purchase these bonds; and

WHEREAS, Several states that have faced similar situations have instituted legislation that would permit their citizens to purchase small denomination bonds in order to invest in their states; and

WHEREAS, Maryland also desires to grant its citizens an opportunity to invest in its bonds on a tax exempt basis; and

WHEREAS, ~~in order to accomplish this goal, the~~ The State of Maryland seeks to authorize the issuance of capital appreciation and small denomination bonds; now, therefore,

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

Article - State Finance and Procurement

8-101.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Board" means the Board of Public Works.

(c) "Enabling act" means a law that authorizes the creation of a general obligation debt of the State and the sale of State bonds to evidence that debt.