

~~It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds for individual projects may be released upon program plan submission and review. Further, it is the intent of the General Assembly that if HB 190 or SB 143 are enacted increasing the tobacco tax at least \$0.50 in fiscal 2000, construction and equipment funds should be provided in fiscal 2000 for the University of Maryland — Baltimore, Health Sciences Research Facility II and the Bowie State University, Science Building. Further provided that \$54,250,968 is contingent upon the receipt of funds resulting from the settlement of the State of Maryland v. Phillip Morris, et al, and is appropriated for education and awareness programs to discourage children from using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and to encourage citizens who are already addicted to seek assistance; smoking cessation programs; programs to reduce public school class size, particularly for reading in the early elementary grades and mathematics in the middle school grades; high quality and affordable after school programs; substance abuse treatment programs; cancer research, cancer research facilities and other health facilities; programs to assist tobacco growers and to promote alternative agricultural uses for land now used for growing tobacco; and other community wide plans that focus on measurable results and increased opportunity for children. Further provided that the appropriation of \$54,250,968 shall be reduced by the amount that it exceeds the amount of payments actually received by the state from the settlement of State of Maryland v. Phillip Morris, et al, during fiscal years 1999 and 2000~~

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