

WHEREAS, 406,000 Americans died fighting for their country during World War II, including 6,493 residents of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the United States contributed and sacrificed as a nation to support the troops abroad; and

WHEREAS, A national World War II Memorial Fund has been established to raise money for the construction of the first World War II Memorial in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland will have a unique opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the Memorial, due to the close proximity of its future location, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of all states deserve to create a lasting reminder of friends and family members who gave their lives in World War II so that future generations might be free; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor shall appropriate \$250,000 in the State budget for fiscal year 2001 to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Department shall donate the appropriation to the World War II Memorial Fund located at 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 501, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 244

(Senate Bill 214)

AN ACT concerning

Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date of provisions of law establishing and governing the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 13-601 through 13-606

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 13-607