

(B) ~~(1)~~ A COURT MAY AWARD A PREVAILING PLAINTIFF UNDER THIS SECTION:

~~(1)~~ (1) UP TO 3 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL DAMAGES ACTUALLY INCURRED; AND

~~(2)~~ (2) AN AMOUNT AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE PLAINTIFF TO THE DEFENDANT, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, AND COSTS.

~~(3)~~ IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNT AWARDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF A COURT DETERMINES BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT A VIOLATION WAS WILLFUL, THE COURT MAY AWARD PUNITIVE DAMAGES TO THE PLAINTIFF.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 615

(House Bill 542)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Carroll County Agricultural Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed ~~\$650,000~~ \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Carroll County Agricultural Center for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and generally providing for the issuance 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 Carroll County Agricultural Center Loan of 2000 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$650,000~~ \$300,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

(2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.