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

Article - Criminal Procedure

11 - 702.1

- (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY TO INCLUDE A REGISTRANT CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE COMMITTED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1997, AND WHO IS UNDER THE CUSTODY OR SUPERVISION OF A SUPERVISING AUTHORITY ON OCTOBER 1, 2001.
- (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY TO A CHILD SEXUAL OFFENDER WHO COMMITTED THE SEXUAL OFFENSE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1995, AND WHO IS UNDER THE CUSTODY OR SUPERVISION OF A SUPERVISING AUTHORITY ON OCTOBER 1, 2001.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 222

(House Bill 400)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - <u>Montgomery County - Mental Health Association</u> of <u>Montgomery County</u>, <u>Inc.</u>

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000 \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, Inc. 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 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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