

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 450

(House Bill 199)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County - Garrett County Health Center Bond

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Garrett County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$3,500,000 in order to finance, with certain restrictions, a certain construction project in Garrett County, as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities, and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose, and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds or refunding bonds, if the interest on or income derived from the bonds is not exempt from State, local, or other taxation in the State; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; making this Act an emergency measure; and relating generally to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, as used herein, the term "County" means that body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland known as the County Commissioners of Garrett County, and the term "construction project" means the cost of the construction and capital equipping of the Garrett County Health Center and any other costs or expenditures incurred by the County in connection therewith.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the County is hereby authorized to finance any part or all of the costs of the construction project described in Section 1 of this Act, and to borrow money and incur indebtedness for that purpose, at one time or from time to time, in an amount not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$3,500,000 and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance and sale upon its full faith and credit of general obligation bonds in like par amount, which may be issued at one time or from time to time, in one or more groups or series, as the County may determine.