

matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003 to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

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

Approved May 15, 2001.

CHAPTER 452

(House Bill 214)

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County - Municipal Property Tax - Tax Credits for Members of
Volunteer Fire Companies and Ambulance Companies**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation in Harford County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the municipal corporation property tax imposed on owner-occupied residential real property owned by members of a volunteer fire company, a volunteer ambulance company, or a member of the ladies' auxiliary of a volunteer fire or ambulance company; authorizing a municipal corporation to provide, by law, for certain provisions relating to the property tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in municipal corporations in Harford County for certain owner-occupied real property.

BY adding to

Article - Tax - Property

Section 9-314(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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