CHAPTER 153

(House Bill 444)

AN ACT concerning

General Obligation Bonds – Termination of Authorization

FOR the purpose of providing for the termination of authority to spend certain appropriations for certain capital expenditures after a certain period; establishing certain exceptions to the termination of authority to spend certain appropriations; clarifying that the authority to spend certain appropriations terminates if a certain matching fund requirement is not met; prescribing certain enabling act language requiring the expenditure or encumbrance of certain money within a certain period; providing for the automatic termination of the authorization of State debt under certain circumstances and establishing certain exceptions; requiring a certain annual report; providing for the cancellation of certain State debt authorizations and the disposition of certain unspent bond proceeds; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the termination of authorization of State debt and the disposition of terminated authorizations and unspent loan proceeds.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – State Finance and Procurement
  Section 7–305, 8–117, 8–128, and 8–129
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

7–305.

  (a) In this section, "capital expenditure" includes an expenditure for:

    (1) acquisition of land, buildings, or equipment; or

    (2) new construction.

  (b) At the end of a fiscal year, the unspent part of an appropriation for a capital expenditure made through the State budget or a supplementary appropriation act other than an enabling act for a general obligation loan:

    (1) does not revert to the General Fund; and

    (2) with the approval of the Board of Public Works, may be carried in a capital account until it is spent in accordance with subsection (c) of this section or until the authority to spend the appropriation for a project terminates.