
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipal Corporations - Special Taxing Districts - Public Safety**
3 **PG 324-04**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing municipal corporations to create within their
5 corporate limits special taxing districts for the purpose of financing certain
6 capital and operating costs to enhance police and fire protection; authorizing
7 municipal corporations to fix, impose, and collect certain taxes and issue bonds
8 or other obligations for certain purposes; and generally relating to authorizing
9 municipal corporations to create special taxing districts to enhance police and
10 fire protection.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal
13 Section 44(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal**

19 44.

20 (a) Pursuant to the provisions of § 5 of Article XI-E of the Constitution of
21 Maryland prohibiting any municipal corporation classified by the General Assembly
22 under the provisions of § 2 of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland from
23 levying any type of tax, license fee, franchise tax or fee which was not in effect in the
24 municipal corporation on January 1, 1954, unless it has received the express
25 authorization of the General Assembly for that purpose, by a general law which in its
26 terms and its effect applies alike to all similarly classified municipal corporations, the
27 General Assembly hereby expressly authorizes all municipal corporations in this
28 State within the class created by § 10 of this article for the purpose of financing the
29 design, construction, establishment, extension, alteration or acquisition of adequate

1 storm drainage systems, for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition,
2 establishment, improvement, extension, operation or alteration of public parking
3 facilities, or pedestrian malls, for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition,
4 erection, construction, improvement and maintenance of street and area lighting, FOR
5 THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS TO ENHANCE
6 POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, and for the purposes set forth in § 2(b)(35) of this
7 article, to create within their respective corporate limits special taxing districts for
8 these purposes and to levy on all real and personal property located within these
9 special taxing districts and ad valorem tax at a rate sufficient to provide adequate
10 annual revenues to pay the principal and interest on any bonds or other obligations of
11 the municipality issued for these purposes as the principal and interest become due,
12 and to pay the costs of operating and maintaining these facilities and activities. These
13 taxes shall be levied in the same manner, upon the same assessments, for the same
14 period or periods, and as of the same date or dates of finality as are now or may
15 hereafter be prescribed.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2004.