

SENATE BILL 888

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By: **Senator Della**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Life Safety System Upgrades at**
3 **the Baltimore Museum of Industry**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore
6 Museum of Industry, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes;
7 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
8 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant
9 and convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; establishing a
10 deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing
11 generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

14 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
15 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore
16 City – Life Safety System Upgrades at the Baltimore Museum of Industry Loan of
17 2009 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$100,000 or (ii) the amount of
18 the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be
19 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds
20 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered
21 in accordance with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 of the State Finance and Procurement
22 Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

23 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold
24 as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds
25 under § 8–122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

26 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
27 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
2 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
3 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
4 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore
5 Museum of Industry, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
6 planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital
7 equipping of Life Safety System Upgrades at the Baltimore Museum of Industry,
8 located in Baltimore City.

9 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in
10 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and
11 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years
12 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

13 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
14 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
15 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
16 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
17 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of funds expended prior to the
18 effective date of this Act. The fund may consist of real property or in kind
19 contributions. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what
20 money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall
21 determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1,
22 2011, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching
23 fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this
24 fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of
25 the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes
26 provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching
27 fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further
28 effect.

29 (6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and
30 convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the
31 extent of its interest:

32 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the
33 Trust; and

34 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the
35 historic structures.

36 (b) If the grantee or beneficiary of the grant holds a lease on the land
37 and structures, the Trust may accept an easement on the leasehold interest.

38 (c) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the
39 Trust and any liens or encumbrances against the land or the structures must be
40 acceptable to the Trust.

1 (7) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board
2 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2016. If any
3 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2016,
4 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
5 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
6 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in
7 § 8–129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 2009.