

SENATE BILL 965

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By: **Senator McFadden**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2014

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Prince Hall Grand Lodge

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Loan of 2014 in the total principal amount of \$300,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 and 8–131.2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

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

(3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Most

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, located in Maryland.

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

(5) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2021. If any funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2021, the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in § 8–129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2014.