

CF HB 269

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**By: Senator Lawlah**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Maryland-National Capital Park  
3 and Planning Commission - Tucker Road Ice Rink**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$950,000, the  
5 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning  
6 Commission for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes;  
7 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the  
8 grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the  
9 issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

12 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
13 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Prince George's  
14 County - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Tucker Road Ice  
15 Rink Loan of 1997 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$950,000 or (ii) the  
16 amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan  
17 shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds  
18 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in  
19 accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article  
20 and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and  
25 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the  
26 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on  
27 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,  
28 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees:  
29 as a grant to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (referred to  
30 hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the repair, renovation, and expansion of, and  
31 for the provision of capital equipment for the Tucker Road Ice Rink in Prince George's  
32 County, the renovations to include enclosing the ice rink, upgrading the heating system,  
33 constructing an addition, and remodeling the warming hut, together with other

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1 renovations that are necessary for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act  
2 and current building codes.

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

7 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
8 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching  
9 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or  
10 indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of  
11 the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to  
12 the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching  
13 fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works  
14 shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1,  
15 1999, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund  
16 will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
17 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
18 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in  
19 this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified  
20 by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 June 1, 1997.