

HOUSE BILL 596

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By: **Delegates Barnes, Frush, and Pena-Melnyk**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Historic Laurel Mill**
3 **Ruins**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of
5 \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Patuxent River Commission
6 and the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel for certain development or
7 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds;
8 requiring the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland
9 Historical Trust; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of
10 the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
11 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 Prince
16 George’s County – Historic Laurel Mill Ruins Loan of 2007 in the total principal
17 amount of \$300,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of
18 State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works
19 and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 of the State
20 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
2 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
3 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
4 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
5 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
6 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Patuxent River Commission and the
7 Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel for the repair, stabilization, and
8 reconstruction of the Historic Laurel Mill Ruins, located in Laurel.

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

16 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the
17 Trust; and

18 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the
19 historic structures.

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

22 (c) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the
23 Trust and any liens or encumbrances against the land or the structures must be
24 acceptable to the Trust.

25 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board
26 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2014. If any
27 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2014,
28 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
29 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
30 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in §
31 8–129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 June 1, 2007.