

# HOUSE BILL 782

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Atlantic General Hospital**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$700,000,  
4 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Atlantic General  
5 Hospital Corporation for certain development or improvement purposes;  
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that  
7 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the  
8 encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for  
9 the 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 Atlantic  
14 General Hospital Loan of 2007 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)  
15 \$700,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section  
16 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State  
17 general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and  
18 issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 of the State  
19 Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

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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 Board of Directors of Atlantic General  
7 Hospital Corporation (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the  
8 planning, design, renovation, expansion, repair, construction, and capital equipping of  
9 an existing building to provide primary care and diabetes, outpatient pulmonary, and  
10 child sexual assault services, to be located in Worcester County.

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

15           (5)     Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
16 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
17 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
18 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
19 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind  
20 contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of  
21 this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money  
22 or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine  
23 the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2009, to  
24 present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will  
25 be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and  
26 the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan  
27 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided  
28 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund  
29 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

30           (6)     The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board  
31 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2014. If any  
32 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2014,  
33 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and  
34 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of  
35 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in §  
36 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

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