

HOUSE BILL 1612

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – St. James ADA Ramp**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the
4 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the St. James
5 Catholic Church, Inc. 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; prohibiting the use of the loan
8 proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a
9 deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing
10 generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

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

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Prince
15 George’s County – St. James ADA Ramp Loan of 2008 in a total principal amount
16 equal to the lesser of (i) \$25,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in
17 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,
18 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board
19 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through
20 8–124 of the State 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.

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
2 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable
3 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the St. James
4 Catholic Church, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
5 construction of an ADA ramp at the St. James Catholic Church, located in Mount
6 Rainier.

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

11 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
12 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a
13 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either
14 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or
15 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or funds expended
16 prior to the effective date of this Act. The fund may consist of in kind contributions. In
17 case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets
18 may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter
19 and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2010, to present
20 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be
21 provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the
22 amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan
23 equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided
24 in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund
25 certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

26 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may
27 be used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the
28 design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of
29 sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or
30 department of divinity for any religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board
31 of Public Works, the grantee shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none
32 of the proceeds of the loan or any matching funds have been or are being used for a
33 purpose prohibited by this Act.

34 (7) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board
35 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2015. If any
36 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2015,
37 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
38 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
39 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in
40 § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

41 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
42 June 1, 2008.