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By: **Delegates V. Clagett, Love, Busch, George, Beidle, and Sophocleus** Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2009 Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Homeport Farm Park Building Rehabilitation Project

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000,
the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council
of Anne Arundel County for certain development or improvement purposes;
providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; 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.

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

13 The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on (1)14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Anne Arundel 15County – Homeport Farm Park Building Rehabilitation Project Loan of 2009 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$100,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching 16 17fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a 18 19 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance 20with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and 21Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

(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.

25 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer 26 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and 27 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.

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shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the 1 $\mathbf{2}$ Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable 3 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the County Executive and County Council 4 of Anne Arundel County (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the $\mathbf{5}$ planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital 6 equipping of buildings at the Homeport Farm Park located in Edgewater.

 $\mathbf{7}$ (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 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a 12matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either 1314 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or 15unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind 16 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any 17dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the 18 19 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2011, to present evidence 20 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If 21satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of 22the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the 23amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the $\mathbf{24}$ 25Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

 $\mathbf{26}$ The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board (6)27of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2016. If any 28funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2016, 29 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and 30 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 31§ 8–129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article. 32

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 34June 1, 2009.

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