

# HOUSE BILL 1377

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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 – Laurel Armory Anderson**  
3 **Murphy Community Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000,  
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of  
6 Laurel for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for  
7 disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee  
8 provide and expend a matching fund; requiring the grantee to grant and convey  
9 a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; establishing a deadline for  
10 the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally  
11 for the issuance and sale of bonds 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 – Laurel Armory Anderson Murphy Community Center Loan of 2009  
17 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$150,000 or (ii) the amount of the  
18 matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be  
19 evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds  
20 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered  
21 in accordance with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 of the State Finance and Procurement  
22 Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then  
2 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
3 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
4 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of  
5 Laurel (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the renovation,  
6 reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Laurel Armory Anderson Murphy  
7 Community Center, located in Laurel.

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

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

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

30 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the  
31 Trust; and

32 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the  
33 historic structures.

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

36 (c) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the  
37 Trust and any liens or encumbrances against the land or the structures must be  
38 acceptable to the Trust.

39 (7) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board  
40 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2016. If any

1 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2016,  
2 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and  
3 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of  
4 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in  
5 § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

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