

SENATE BILL 437

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By: **Senator Della**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Women’s Industrial Exchange**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of
4 \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the
5 Women’s Industrial Exchange of Baltimore City, Inc. for certain development or
6 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds;
7 requiring the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland
8 Historical Trust; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of
9 the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds
10 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 Baltimore
15 City – Women’s Industrial Exchange Loan of 2009 in the total principal amount of
16 \$175,000. 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.

23 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer
24 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and
25 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then
26 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the
27 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Women's
2 Industrial Exchange of Baltimore City, Inc. for the construction, repair, renovation,
3 and capital equipping of the Women's Industrial Exchange, located in Baltimore City.

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

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

11 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the
12 Trust; and

13 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the
14 historic structures.

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

17 (c) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the
18 Trust and any liens or encumbrances against the land or the structures must be
19 acceptable to the Trust.

20 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board
21 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2016. If any
22 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2016,
23 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
24 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
25 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in
26 § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

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