

# SENATE BILL 12

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By: **Senator Astle**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County – Annapolis and Anne**  
3 **Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau – Roof Replacement**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000,  
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Annapolis and  
6 Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau, Inc. for certain  
7 development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan  
8 proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a  
9 matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of  
10 the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds  
11 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 Anne Arundel  
16 County – Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau – Roof  
17 Replacement Loan of 2012 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i)  
18 \$100,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section  
19 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State  
20 general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and  
21 issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 of the State  
22 Finance and Procurement 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.

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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 the Annapolis  
7 and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (referred to hereafter  
8 in this Act as "the grantee") for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation,  
9 and reconstruction of the roof for the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference  
10 and Visitors Bureau, located in Annapolis.

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. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds  
20 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount  
21 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
22 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final.  
23 The grantee has until June 1, 2014, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of  
24 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is  
25 presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the  
26 State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching  
27 fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan  
28 in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works  
29 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, 2019. If any  
32 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2019,  
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, 2012.