

SENATE BILL 836

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City – Chesapeake Shakespeare**
3 **Company’s Downtown Theatre**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000,
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Chesapeake
6 Shakespeare Company for certain development or improvement purposes;
7 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that
8 the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the
9 encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for
10 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 Baltimore
15 City – Chesapeake Shakespeare Company’s Downtown Theatre Loan of 2014 in a total
16 principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching
17 fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by
18 the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a
19 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance
20 with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 and 8–131.2 of the State Finance and Procurement
21 Article.

22 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold
23 as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds
24 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.



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 Trustees of the Chesapeake
4 Shakespeare Company (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
5 acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and
6 capital equipping of the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's Downtown Theatre,
7 located in Baltimore City.

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, in kind
17 contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any
18 dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as
19 matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the
20 Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2016, to present evidence
21 satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If
22 satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of
23 the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the
24 amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act.
25 Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the
26 Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

27 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board
28 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2021. If any
29 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2021,
30 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and
31 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of
32 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in
33 § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
35 June 1, 2014.