

SENATE BILL 972

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Dorchester County – Patriot Point**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the
4 proceeds to be used as a grant to Patriot Point, LLC for certain development or
5 improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a
6 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a
7 deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing
8 generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Dorchester County
13 – Patriot Point Loan of 2016 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$500,000
14 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below.
15 This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation
16 bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and
17 delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 and 8–131.2 of the State Finance and
18 Procurement Article.

19 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a
20 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under §
21 8–122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: as a
2 grant to Patriot Point, LLC (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the
3 acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital
4 equipping of the Patriot Point retreat facility, located in Dorchester County.

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

9 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
10 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching
11 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly,
12 from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may
13 consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date
14 of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or
15 assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the
16 matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2018, to present
17 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided.
18 If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the
19 matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of
20 the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of
21 the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works
22 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

23 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of
24 Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2023. If any funds
25 authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2023, the
26 amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and be of no
27 further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of unexpended or
28 unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in § 8-129 of the State
29 Finance and Procurement Article.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
31 1, 2016.