

# HOUSE BILL 654

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By: **Delegates Hubbard and Valentino-Smith**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Prince George’s County – Dinosaur Park**  
3 **Improvements**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the  
5 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and  
6 Planning Commission for specified development or improvement purposes  
7 related to the Dinosaur Park; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds,  
8 subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund;  
9 establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan  
10 proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing  
11 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 – Dinosaur Park Improvements Loan of 2014 in a total principal  
17 amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$25,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund  
18 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the  
19 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a  
20 resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance  
21 with §§ 8–117 through 8–124 and 8–131.2 of the State Finance and Procurement  
22 Article.

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 Maryland–National Capital Park and  
5 Planning Commission (referred to hereafter in this Act as “the grantee”) for the  
6 acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and  
7 capital equipping of the Dinosaur Park, including park amenities such as fencing, a  
8 parking lot, or play equipment, located in Prince George’s County.

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

13 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
14 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
15 matching fund. No part of the grantee’s matching fund may be provided, either  
16 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
17 unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds  
18 expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount  
19 of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the  
20 Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board’s decision is final.  
21 The grantee has until June 1, 2016, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of  
22 Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is  
23 presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the  
24 State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching  
25 fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan  
26 in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works  
27 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

28 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board  
29 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2021. If any  
30 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2021,  
31 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and  
32 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of  
33 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in  
34 § 8–129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

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