

SENATE BILL 1148

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Appropriations —

Introduced by ~~Senator Ferguson~~ Senators Ferguson, Astle, Feldman, Hershey, Jennings, Mathias, Reilly, and Rosapepe

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Stadium Authority – Maryland Sports and Affiliated Foundations –**
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing an office known as Maryland Sports in the Maryland
5 Stadium Authority; requiring Maryland Sports to implement a program to bring
6 certain sporting events to the State for certain purposes; requiring Maryland Sports
7 to act as the State’s sports commission for the purpose of the National Association of
8 Sports Commissions; authorizing Maryland Sports to request certain assistance and
9 information from any State or local governmental entity, to accept a certain gift,
10 bequest, or grant, to spend certain funds, to act as a host committee for certain
11 sporting events, and to perform certain other tasks; encouraging Maryland Sports to
12 promote private fund-raising by maintaining certain relationships with a certain
13 affiliated foundation; authorizing the Authority to establish one or more affiliated
14 foundations to work with Maryland Sports; establishing the purposes of an affiliated

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 foundation; requiring the Authority to develop policies for the operation of each
 2 affiliated foundation the Authority establishes; requiring the Attorney General to
 3 review certain policies for form and legal sufficiency and, if appropriate, to approve
 4 the policies; requiring the State Ethics Commission to review certain policies that
 5 pertain to conflicts of interest and, if appropriate, to approve the policies; allowing an
 6 affiliated foundation to solicit and receive certain contributions; providing that an
 7 affiliated foundation may not be considered an agency or instrumentality of the State
 8 or a unit of the Executive Branch for any purpose; providing that a financial
 9 obligation or liability of an affiliated foundation may not be considered a debt or an
 10 obligation of the State, the Authority, or Maryland Sports; providing that the Public
 11 Ethics Law does not prohibit an Authority official or employee from working in
 12 certain capacities for an affiliated foundation; prohibiting an official or employee of
 13 the Authority who serves in certain capacities for an affiliated foundation from being
 14 compensated by the affiliated foundation; authorizing an official or employee of the
 15 Authority who serves in certain capacities for an affiliated foundation to be
 16 reimbursed for certain expenses incurred in serving in certain capacities for an
 17 affiliated foundation; requiring the Authority to notify the Commission in a certain
 18 manner whenever the Authority permits an official or employee of the Authority to
 19 serve in certain capacities for an affiliated foundation; requiring the Commission to
 20 notify the Authority within a certain time of any objections or concerns pertaining to
 21 a certain notice; requiring the Authority to reexamine a certain matter on receipt of a
 22 certain notice; requiring the Authority to report annually to the Governor, the
 23 Legislative Policy Committee, and the Commission on certain information; requiring
 24 an affiliated foundation to undergo a certain audit each year; authorizing the
 25 Authority to grant certain funds under certain circumstances; and generally relating
 26 to the establishment of Maryland Sports and affiliated foundations.

27 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

28 Article – Economic Development

29 Section 10–604

30 Annotated Code of Maryland

31 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

32 BY adding to

33 Article – Economic Development

34 Section 10–611 and 10–612

35 Annotated Code of Maryland

36 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

37 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

38 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

39 **Article – Economic Development**

40 10–604.

41 (a) There is a Maryland Stadium Authority.

1 (b) (1) The Authority is a body politic and corporate and is an instrumentality
2 of the State.

3 (2) The Authority is an independent unit in the Executive Branch of State
4 government.

5 (3) The exercise by the Authority of its powers under this subtitle is an
6 essential governmental function.

7 (c) The Authority is a public body under Title 5, Subtitle 4 of this article, the
8 Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority Act, for purposes of applying for,
9 receiving, and making agreements in connection with:

10 (1) a loan;

11 (2) a grant;

12 (3) insurance; or

13 (4) any other form of financial assistance.

14 **10-611.**

15 (A) **THERE IS AN OFFICE KNOWN AS MARYLAND SPORTS IN THE**
16 **AUTHORITY.**

17 (B) **MARYLAND SPORTS SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO BRING**
18 **REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS AT ALL LEVELS OF**
19 **COMPETITION TO THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF:**

20 (1) **UTILIZING SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE STATE;**

21 (2) **ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE; AND**

22 (3) **PROMOTING THE STATE AS A DESTINATION FOR AMATEUR AND**
23 **PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS.**

24 (C) **MARYLAND SPORTS SHALL ACT AS THE STATE'S SPORTS COMMISSION**
25 **FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS COMMISSIONS.**

26 (D) **TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, MARYLAND SPORTS**
27 **MAY:**

1 **(1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, REQUEST**
2 **ANY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND**
3 **ASSISTANCE;**

4 **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ACCEPT A**
5 **GIFT, BEQUEST, OR GRANT FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE;**

6 **(3) SPEND FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE IN THE STATE BUDGET;**

7 **(4) ACT AS THE HOST COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND**
8 **INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS TO BE HELD IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN THE**
9 **STATE; AND**

10 **(5) PERFORM ANY OTHER ACT NECESSARY.**

11 **(E) MARYLAND SPORTS IS ENCOURAGED TO PROMOTE PRIVATE**
12 **FUND-RAISING BY MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH AFFILIATED**
13 **FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-612 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

14 **10-612.**

15 **(A) THE AUTHORITY MAY ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE AFFILIATED**
16 **FOUNDATIONS TO WORK WITH MARYLAND SPORTS, ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-611**
17 **OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

18 **(B) THE PURPOSES OF AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION ARE TO:**

19 **(1) SUPPORT THE STATE IN:**

20 **(I) SPORTS BID DEVELOPMENT;**

21 **(II) SPORTING EVENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION;**

22 **(III) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH RELATING TO**
23 **SPORTING EVENTS;**

24 **(IV) SPONSORSHIP OF SPORTING EVENTS; AND**

25 **(V) DEVELOPMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH PUBLIC AND**
26 **PRIVATE ENTITIES DESIGNED TO SPONSOR SPORTING EVENTS;**

27 **(2) PROMOTE REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTING**
28 **EVENTS TO BE HELD, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE STATE; AND**

1 **(3) RECRUIT, MARKET, PROMOTE, WORK TO RETAIN, AND MANAGE**
2 **SPORTING EVENTS THAT HAVE A POSITIVE ECONOMIC OR CULTURAL IMPACT, OR**
3 **OTHERWISE ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE STATE'S CITIZENS.**

4 **(C) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES FOR THE OPERATION**
5 **OF EACH AFFILIATED FOUNDATION THE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES.**

6 **(2) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL REVIEW THE POLICIES THE**
7 **AUTHORITY DEVELOPS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR FORM**
8 **AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND, IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THEM TO GOVERN THE**
9 **AFFILIATED FOUNDATION.**

10 **(3) THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE POLICIES**
11 **THE AUTHORITY DEVELOPS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT**
12 **PERTAIN TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND, IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THEM TO**
13 **GOVERN AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY ALSO SERVING AS A**
14 **DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL OF AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION.**

15 **(D) AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION MAY SOLICIT AND RECEIVE**
16 **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, NONPROFIT**
17 **ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN**
18 **THE STATE.**

19 **(E) (1) AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS**
20 **SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE**
21 **STATE OR A UNIT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR ANY PURPOSE.**

22 **(2) A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF AN AFFILIATED**
23 **FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED AND OPERATED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE**
24 **CONSIDERED A DEBT OR AN OBLIGATION OF THE STATE, THE AUTHORITY, OR**
25 **MARYLAND SPORTS.**

26 **(F) (1) SECTIONS 5-501 THROUGH 5-504 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS**
27 **ARTICLE DO NOT PROHIBIT AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY FROM**
28 **ALSO BECOMING A DIRECTOR, OR AN OFFICIAL, OR AN EMPLOYEE**
29 **FOUNDATION ORGANIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

30 **(2) AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY WHO SERVES AS A**
31 **DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL OF AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION ORGANIZED UNDER THIS**
32 **SECTION:**

33 **(1) MAY NOT BE COMPENSATED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY**
34 **THE AFFILIATED FOUNDATION; AND**

1 (II) MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR BONA FIDE EXPENSES INCURRED
2 IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE AFFILIATED
3 FOUNDATION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THAT AFFILIATED
4 FOUNDATION AND BY THE AUTHORITY.

5 (3) (I) THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE ETHICS
6 COMMISSION IN WRITING WHENEVER THE AUTHORITY PERMITS AN OFFICIAL OR
7 EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL OF AN
8 AFFILIATED FOUNDATION.

9 (II) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE UNDER
10 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL
11 NOTIFY THE AUTHORITY OF ANY OBJECTIONS OR CONCERNS PERTAINING TO THE
12 JOINT SERVICE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE.

13 (III) ON RECEIPT OF A NOTICE FROM THE STATE ETHICS
14 COMMISSION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE AUTHORITY
15 SHALL REEXAMINE THE MATTER.

16 (4) THE AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR,
17 THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN
18 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AND THE
19 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION:

20 (I) THE NAMES OF THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SERVING AS
21 A DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL OF AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION; AND

22 (II) HOW THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED UNDER
23 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN THE PRECEDING
24 YEAR.

25 (G) AN INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT HIRED AND PAID BY
26 THE AUTHORITY SHALL AUDIT AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED UNDER
27 THIS SECTION EACH YEAR.

28 (H) IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, AFTER ~~THE APPROVAL OF~~ PROVIDING THE
29 BUDGET COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW
30 AND COMMENT, THE AUTHORITY MAY GRANT UP TO \$500,000 OF THE AUTHORITY'S
31 AVAILABLE NONBUDGETED MONEY TO AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS ESTABLISHED
32 UNDER THIS SECTION.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
34 October 1, 2017.