
By: **Chairman, Judiciary Committee (Departmental - Stadium Authority)**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Police Force - Maryland Stadium Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Maryland Stadium Authority Police Force; establishing
4 the powers and jurisdiction of the Police Force; providing for the establishment
5 of standards and qualifications; authorizing the Authority to use a private
6 security force instead of or in addition to the Police Force; and generally relating
7 to the Maryland Stadium Authority.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Financial Institutions
10 Section 13-725
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
15 Section 594B(g) and (h)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

18 **Preamble**

19 WHEREAS, With the completion of the football stadium at Camden Yards,
20 more than 4,000,000 people are expected to visit the Camden Yards Sports Complex
21 annually to attend athletic and other events; and

22 WHEREAS, The Warehouse at Camden Yards is leased year-round to
23 numerous major business organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, The Authority oversees a parking lot operation that
25 accommodates more than 5,000 vehicles and is utilized by event patrons and
26 employees of the Authority and its tenants; and

27 WHEREAS, The Authority has an interest in protecting the safety and general
28 welfare of the visiting sports fans and the Authority's tenants and employees; and

1 WHEREAS, The present security arrangements at the Camden Yards Sports
2 complex are deemed to be inadequate to best serve the safety and general welfare of
3 the visiting sports fans and the Authority's tenants and employees; now, therefore,

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article - Financial Institutions**

7 13-725.

8 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE.

9 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
10 SUBSECTION, A MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICER IS AND HAS ALL
11 THE POWERS OF A PEACE AND POLICE OFFICER IN THE STATE.

12 (2) A MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICER MAY EXERCISE
13 THESE POWERS ONLY ON PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED, LEASED, OPERATED BY, OR
14 UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY. THE POLICE
15 OFFICER MAY NOT EXERCISE THESE POWERS ON ANY OTHER PROPERTY UNLESS:

16 (I) ENGAGED IN FRESH PURSUIT OF A SUSPECT OFFENDER;

17 (II) REQUESTED OR AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THE CHIEF
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR CHIEF POLICE OFFICER OF ANY COUNTY;

19 (III) NECESSARY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ORDERLY FLOW OF
20 TRAFFIC TO AND FROM PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, OPERATED BY, OR UNDER THE
21 CONTROL OF THE MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY; OR

22 (IV) ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE GOVERNOR.

23 (C) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE POLICE AND THE
24 MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT
25 STANDARDS, QUALIFICATIONS, AND PREREQUISITES OF CHARACTER, TRAINING,
26 EDUCATION, HUMAN AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND EXPERIENCE FOR MARYLAND
27 STADIUM AUTHORITY POLICE OFFICERS, INCLUDING STANDARDS FOR THE
28 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

29 (D) THE AUTHORITY MAY AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MAKE
30 USE OF A PRIVATE SECURITY FORCE OR BUILDING GUARDS INSTEAD OF OR IN
31 ADDITION TO THE MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE.

32 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

33 594B.

34 (g) For purposes of this section, the term "police officer" means any person
35 who, in an official capacity, is authorized by law to make arrests and who is:

- 1 (1) A member of the Department of State Police;
- 2 (2) A member of the Baltimore City Police Department;
- 3 (3) A member of the Baltimore City School Police Force;
- 4 (4) A member of the police department, bureau, or force of any county;
- 5 (5) A member of the police department, bureau, or force of any
6 incorporated city or town, except Baltimore City, which is a "qualifying municipality",
7 as defined in § 66(a)(7) and § 69 of Article 88B of this Code;
- 8 (6) A member of the Mass Transit Administration Police Force, or the
9 Maryland Port Administration Police Force of the Department of Transportation or
10 the Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force;
- 11 (7) A member of the University of Maryland or Morgan State University
12 Police Force;
- 13 (8) Appointed, or given the powers of, a special policeman employed and
14 compensated by the State for the enforcement of law and the maintenance of order on
15 property of the State or of any of its agencies, or for the protection of such property,
16 and includes a member of the Department of General Services security force;
- 17 (9) The sheriff of any county and whose usual duties include the making
18 of arrests;
- 19 (10) A regularly employed deputy sheriff of any county and who is
20 compensated by the county and whose usual duties include the making of arrests;
- 21 (11) A member of the Natural Resources Police of the Department of
22 Natural Resources;
- 23 (12) A member of the Investigative Services Unit of the Comptroller's
24 Office;
- 25 (13) A member of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
26 Commission Park Police;
- 27 (14) Housing Authority of Baltimore City Police Force;
- 28 (15) A member of the Crofton Police Department;
- 29 (16) A member of the WMATA Metro Transit Police, subject to the
30 jurisdictional limitations under Article XVI, § 76 of the Washington Metropolitan
31 Area Transit Authority Compact, § 10-204 of the Transportation Article; [or]
- 32 (17) Subject to subsections (i) and (l)(7) of this section, the State Fire
33 Marshal or a full-time investigative and inspection assistant of the Office of the State
34 Fire Marshal; OR

1 (18) A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY POLICE FORCE.

2 (h) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings
3 indicated.

4 (ii) "Emergency" means a sudden or unexpected happening or an
5 unforeseen combination of circumstances that calls for immediate action to protect
6 the health, safety, welfare, or property of an individual from actual or threatened
7 harm or from an unlawful act.

8 (iii) "Federal law enforcement officer" means an officer who is
9 empowered to effect an arrest with or without a warrant for violations of the United
10 States Code and who is authorized to carry firearms in the performance of the
11 officer's duties.

12 (2) Subject to the limitations provided in paragraph (3) of this
13 subsection, a federal law enforcement officer is granted:

14 (i) The powers of arrest as set forth in this section; and

15 (ii) The power to execute arrest and search and seizure warrants
16 issued under the laws of this State.

17 (3) A federal law enforcement officer may exercise the powers granted in
18 this subsection if:

19 (i) The officer is participating in a joint investigation with officials
20 from any State or local law enforcement agency;

21 (ii) The officer is rendering assistance to a police officer;

22 (iii) The officer is acting at the request of a local police officer or a
23 State Police officer; or

24 (iv) An emergency exists.

25 (4) When acting under the authority granted in this subsection, the
26 following notifications of an investigation or enforcement action shall be made:

27 (i) 1. When in an incorporated municipality, to the chief of
28 police, if any, or the chief's designee;

29 2. When in a county which has a county police department,
30 to the chief of police or the chief's designee;

31 3. When in a county without a police department, to the
32 sheriff or the sheriff's designee;

33 4. When in Baltimore City, to the Police Commissioner or the
34 Police Commissioner's designee;

