

HOUSE BILL 525

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By: **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Baltimore Convention Facility – Operating Deficits**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the period during which the Maryland Stadium
4 Authority and Baltimore City are obligated under a certain agreement to
5 contribute a certain amount to the annual operating deficits of the Baltimore
6 Convention facility and to pay a certain amount to a certain capital
7 improvement reserve fund; extending the date after which Baltimore City is to
8 be solely responsible for all operating deficits and capital improvements for the
9 Baltimore Convention facility; and generally relating to the financing and
10 payment of certain costs associated with the Baltimore Convention facility.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Economic Development
13 Section 10–640(f)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2008 Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Economic Development**

19 10–640.

20 (f) The Authority shall secure a written agreement with Baltimore City, as
21 approved by the Board of Public Works:

22 (1) in which Baltimore City agrees to:

23 (i) operate the Baltimore Convention facility in a manner that
24 maximizes the facility's economic return; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) maintain and repair the facility so as to keep it in first class
2 operating condition; and

3 (2) that includes provisions that:

4 (i) protect the respective investment of the Authority, the
5 State, and Baltimore City in the Baltimore Convention facility;

6 (ii) require:

7 1. for the period beginning on the completion of the
8 expanded and renovated Baltimore Convention facility and ending on December 31,
9 **[2014] 2024:**

10 A. the Authority to contribute two-thirds and Baltimore
11 City to contribute one-third to annual operating deficits; and

12 B. the Authority and Baltimore City each to contribute
13 \$200,000 each year to a capital improvement reserve fund; and

14 2. Baltimore City to be solely responsible for all
15 operating deficits and capital improvements:

16 A. before the completion of the expanded and renovated
17 Baltimore Convention facility; and

18 B. after December 31, **[2014] 2024;** and

19 (iii) provide for remedies on default, including the right of the
20 Authority or the State, if a material default by Baltimore City is not corrected after a
21 reasonable notice and cure period, to:

22 1. immediately assume responsibility for maintenance
23 and repairs of the Baltimore Convention facility; and

24 2. offset the costs of the maintenance and repairs
25 against other amounts owed by the Authority or the State to Baltimore City, whether
26 under the operating agreement with Baltimore City or otherwise.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2013.