

SENATE BILL 516

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CF HB 525

By: **Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and
Senators Conway, Ferguson, McFadden, and Pugh**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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CHAPTER _____

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.

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.



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

3 (1) in which Baltimore City agrees to:

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

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

8 (2) that includes provisions that:

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

11 (ii) require:

12 1. for the period beginning on the completion of the
13 expanded and renovated Baltimore Convention facility and ending on December 31,
14 **[2014] 2024**:

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

17 B. the Authority and Baltimore City each to contribute
18 \$200,000 each year to a capital improvement reserve fund; and

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

21 A. before the completion of the expanded and renovated
22 Baltimore Convention facility; and

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

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

27 1. immediately assume responsibility for maintenance
28 and repairs of the Baltimore Convention facility; and

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.