

Chapter 851

(Senate Bill 400)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore Convention Facility – Operating Deficits and Capital Improvement Reserve Fund

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Economic Development
 Section 10–640(f)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2008 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Economic Development

10–640.

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

(1) in which Baltimore City agrees to:

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

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

(2) that includes provisions that:

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

(ii) require:

1. for the period beginning on the completion of the expanded and renovated Baltimore Convention facility and ending on December 31, ~~[2019]~~ **2029**:

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

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

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

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

B. after December 31, ~~[2019]~~ **2029**; and

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

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

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 26, 2018.