

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 722 (Delegate Fulton)
Appropriations

Football Stadium at Camden Yards - Lottery Funding Deficiency

This bill provides that any revenue from the sale, lease, or other use of the name of the Baltimore Ravens stadium that is needed to offset any deficiency in State lottery proceeds used for construction funding must accrue to the Maryland Stadium Authority to offset the deficiency.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in revenues; expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly impact small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: Recent reports indicate that revenues from sports-related lottery games are falling short of projections, especially the multi-state Big Game. Proceeds from the Big Game and from a series of instant games are currently being directed to the Stadium Authority. These games have generated only \$13.3 million during the first six months of fiscal 1997, on pace for a \$26.6 million annual total. The stadium financing plan calls for \$32 million in lottery revenues in each of fiscal 1997, 1998, and 1999.

However, the Lottery Agency has considerable latitude in designating games to benefit the Stadium Authority, so it cannot be concluded that the revenues will finish the year short of the goal.

State Revenues: According to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Stadium Authority and the Baltimore Ravens owners, rights to the name of the football stadium may not be sold unless agreed to in writing by both parties. No such agreement has yet been made. However, under the bill, it is assumed that should the naming rights be sold or otherwise produce revenues, any such revenues that might be necessary to offset a deficiency in lottery proceeds must go to the Stadium Authority.

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