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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Chesapeake Regional Olympic Games Authority Act**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing, through a certain interstate compact with the  
4 Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the City of Baltimore,  
5 the Chesapeake Regional Olympic Games Authority for the purpose of  
6 overseeing the conduct of the 2012 Olympic Games under certain circumstances;  
7 providing for the termination, composition, terms of the voting members,  
8 meetings, and financial controls of the Regional Authority; requiring the  
9 Regional Authority to comply with certain local laws; requiring the Organizing  
10 Committee for the Olympic Games to fund the Regional Authority under certain  
11 circumstances; granting certain oversight authority to the Regional Authority  
12 over the Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games; providing for the  
13 indemnification of the Regional Authority under certain circumstances;  
14 imposing certain requirements on the signatories to a certain interstate  
15 compact; requiring the Governor to execute a certain interstate compact;  
16 defining certain terms; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; and  
17 generally relating to the Chesapeake Regional Olympic Games Authority Act.

18 BY adding to  
19 Article - State Government  
20 Section 9-2301 through 9-2303, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle  
21 23. Chesapeake Regional Olympic Games Authority Act"  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

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**Article - State Government**

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## SUBTITLE 23. CHESAPEAKE REGIONAL OLYMPIC GAMES AUTHORITY ACT.

3 9-2301.

4 (A) THE DEFINITIONS IN § 1-101 OF THIS ARTICLE DO NOT APPLY TO THE  
5 INTERSTATE COMPACT SET FORTH IN § 9-2303 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6 (B) IN THE INTERSTATE COMPACT SET FORTH IN § 9-2303 OF THIS SUBTITLE,  
7 UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY REQUIRES OTHERWISE, "ARTICLE", "SECTION", AND  
8 "SUBSECTION" MEAN AN ARTICLE, SECTION, AND SUBSECTION, RESPECTIVELY, OF  
9 THE INTERSTATE COMPACT.

10 9-2302.

11 ON BEHALF OF THIS STATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL EXECUTE, WITH THE CITY  
12 OF BALTIMORE, THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AND THE DISTRICT OF  
13 COLUMBIA, AN INTERSTATE COMPACT SUBSTANTIALLY AS IT APPEARS IN § 9-2303 OF  
14 THIS SUBTITLE.

15 9-2303.

16 THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE DISTRICT  
17 OF COLUMBIA, AND THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, HEREINAFTER "SIGNATORIES,"  
18 HEREBY ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT, AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE  
19 PURPOSE OF HOSTING THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES. THIS INTERSTATE COMPACT  
20 SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE CHESAPEAKE REGIONAL OLYMPIC  
21 GAMES AUTHORITY ACT.

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## ARTICLE I.

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## FINDINGS.

24 THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

25 1. FOR SOME TIME NOW, THE STATE OF MARYLAND (INCLUDING THE CITY OF  
26 BALTIMORE), THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
27 THROUGH THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE  
28 WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE REGIONAL 2012 COALITION (WBRC 2012), HAVE BEEN  
29 ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN NATIONAL COMPETITION TO WIN THE U.S. CANDIDATE CITY  
30 DESIGNATION AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, THE HOST CITY DESIGNATION AND THE RIGHT  
31 TO HOST THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES.

32 2. HOSTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES WILL PROVIDE SEVERAL MAJOR, LASTING,  
33 AND UNIQUE BENEFITS FOR ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CHESAPEAKE REGION,  
34 INCLUDING:

35 (A) DIRECT, POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY;

- 1 (B) AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE OUR REGION TO THE WORLD;
- 2 (C) A CATALYST FOR REGIONAL ACTION; AND
- 3 (D) A RENEWED SENSE OF PRIDE ALONG WITH A TANGIBLE LEGACY (E.G.  
4 NEW AND IMPROVED VENUES AND ENHANCED TRANSPORTATION  
5 INFRASTRUCTURE).

6 3. INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC STUDIES SHOW THAT PREPARING FOR AND  
7 HOSTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES WILL HAVE A POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE  
8 REGION, INCLUDING:

- 9 (A) DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPENDING IN EXCESS OF \$5,000,000,000;
- 10 (B) THE CREATION OF APPROXIMATELY 70,000 JOBS;
- 11 (C) INCREASED TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM OLYMPIC RELATED  
12 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN EXCESS OF \$130,000,000, WITHOUT RAISING OR CREATING  
13 ANY NEW TAXES; AND
- 14 (D) A LASTING IMPROVEMENT IN THE REGION'S COMPETITIVE POSITION  
15 WITHIN THE TRAVEL/TOURISM INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS THE REGION'S ABILITY TO  
16 ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES.

17 4. THE CITIZENS OF THE REGION HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO WBRC  
18 2012'S EFFORTS AND SOLIDLY EMBRACED THE CAUSE TO HOST THE OLYMPIC GAMES,  
19 EXPRESSED IN PART BY THE ENDORSEMENT OF SCORES OF LOCAL BUSINESS, CIVIC,  
20 GOVERNMENTAL, ACADEMIC, AND AMATEUR SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS, AND BY  
21 SURVEY RESULTS THAT SHOW:

- 22 (A) 82% OF THE REGION'S RESIDENTS SUPPORT THE EFFORT TO BRING  
23 THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES TO THIS AREA; AND
- 24 (B) 86% OF AREA RESIDENTS BELIEVE THAT THE OLYMPIC GAMES WILL  
25 BRING SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO OUR REGION.

26 5. THROUGH THE SUBMISSION OF THE REGION'S OFFICIAL BID PROPOSAL TO  
27 THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (USOC) ON DECEMBER 15, 2000, WBRC  
28 2012 REACHED A MILESTONE IN THE PROCESS OF CAPTURING THE OLYMPIC GAMES  
29 BY PROVIDING A 631-PAGE LOGISTICAL, OPERATIONAL, AND FINANCIAL BLUEPRINT  
30 FOR HOSTING THE 2012 GAMES.

31 6. THE BID PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS THE GREAT VENUES AND VISTAS FOUND  
32 IN OUR REGION AND IS DEVELOPED AROUND KEY PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING:

- 33 (A) BUILDING LESS, NOT MORE;
- 34 (B) UTILIZING MASS TRANSIT; AND
- 35 (C) PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.

1 7. IN ADDITION TO THE REGION'S BID PROPOSAL, THE USOC AND THE  
2 INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC) REQUIRE CERTAIN GOVERNMENT  
3 GUARANTEES AND COMMITMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH HOSTING THE 2012  
4 OLYMPIC GAMES, SHOULD OUR REGION WIN THE U.S. CANDIDATE CITY  
5 DESIGNATION.

6 8. OUR UNIQUE REGIONAL APPROACH TO WINNING THE RIGHT TO HOST THE  
7 OLYMPIC GAMES CREATES THE ADDED COMPLICATION OF DETERMINING WHICH  
8 ENTITIES WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GUARANTEES.

9 9. IT IS INCUMBENT UPON WBRC 2012 AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO MOVE  
10 FORWARD TOGETHER NOW TO CRAFT THE SOLUTION THAT BEST "LIVES  
11 REGIONALISM" AND MAXIMIZES THE REGION'S CHANCES OF WINNING THE 2012  
12 OLYMPIC GAMES, AND REAPING THE MANY BENEFITS THAT COME WITH THIS  
13 HONOR.

14 10. GIVEN THAT ALL FOUR JURISDICTIONS - VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, THE  
15 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND BALTIMORE - WILL HOST A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF  
16 EVENTS AND REAP SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS, THE MOST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR  
17 ALL FOUR JURISDICTIONS IS TO ENTER INTO A SINGLE AGREEMENT THAT GIVES THE  
18 USOC (AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE IOC) A SINGLE FOCAL POINT AND A UNITED FRONT  
19 THAT REFLECTS THE REGIONAL NATURE OF OUR BID.

20 ARTICLE II.

21 PURPOSE.

22 THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT IS TO CREATE A REGIONAL AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE  
23 THE CONDUCT OF THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES, COORDINATED AND MANAGED BY THE  
24 LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES (OCOG), AND TO ASSURE  
25 THAT THE REGION'S GUARANTEES AND COMMITMENTS ACCEPTED IN CONJUNCTION  
26 WITH HOSTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES ARE FULFILLED.

27 ARTICLE III.

28 DEFINITIONS.

29 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, THE TERM:

30 (A) "BID PROPOSAL" SHALL MEAN THE BID FORMALLY SUBMITTED BY  
31 WBRC 2012 TO THE USOC ON DECEMBER 15, 2000;

32 (B) "HOST CITY" SHALL MEAN THE ENTITY WHICH HAS BEEN SELECTED  
33 BY THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO HOST THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES;

34 (C) "INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE" AND "IOC" SHALL MEAN  
35 THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, A BODY CORPORATE UNDER  
36 INTERNATIONAL LAW CREATED BY THE CONGRESS OF PARIS OF 23RD JUNE, 1894,  
37 AND HAVING PERPETUAL SUCCESSION;

1 (D) "OLYMPIC GAMES" SHALL MEAN ANY OLYMPIC GAMES SPONSORED  
2 AND GOVERNED BY THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND ANY OTHER  
3 EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, ATHLETIC, OR SPORTING EVENTS RELATED OR  
4 PRELIMINARY THERETO;

5 (E) "ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES," AND "OCOG"  
6 SHALL MEAN THE COMMITTEE FORMED BY WBRC 2012 TO ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT  
7 THE OLYMPIC GAMES, IF WBRC 2012 IS SELECTED BY THE IOC AS THE "HOST CITY" IN  
8 2005;

9 (F) "REGIONAL AUTHORITY" SHALL MEAN THE CHESAPEAKE REGIONAL  
10 OLYMPIC GAMES AUTHORITY;

11 (G) "SIGNATORIES" SHALL MEAN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
12 THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND THE CITY OF  
13 BALTIMORE;

14 (H) "UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE" AND "USOC" SHALL MEAN  
15 THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS  
16 ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1950, AND HAVING PERPETUAL SUCCESSION;

17 (I) "U.S. CANDIDATE CITY" SHALL MEAN THE ENTITY WHICH HAS  
18 RECEIVED THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S ENDORSEMENT TO SUBMIT  
19 TO THE IOC THE SOLE BID FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR THE HOSTING OF THE 2012  
20 OLYMPIC GAMES; AND

21 (J) "WBRC 2012" SHALL MEAN WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE REGIONAL 2012  
22 COALITION, A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE  
23 STATE OF MARYLAND, AND ITS SUCCESSORS.

24 ARTICLE IV.

25 CREATION OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY.

26 THE SIGNATORIES HEREBY PROVIDE THE MECHANISM FOR THE CREATION AND  
27 TERMINATION OF THE "CHESAPEAKE REGIONAL OLYMPIC GAMES AUTHORITY,"  
28 HEREINAFTER "REGIONAL AUTHORITY," WHICH SHALL BE AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF  
29 THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, THE STATE OF  
30 MARYLAND, AND THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, AND SHALL HAVE THE POWERS AND  
31 DUTIES SET FORTH HEREIN, AND THOSE ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES  
32 CONFERRED UPON IT BY SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS OF THE SIGNATORIES:

33 (A) THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL COME INTO EXISTENCE BY THE  
34 FORCE OF THIS ACT WHEN AND IF, AND ONLY IF, THE IOC AWARDS THE 2012 OLYMPIC  
35 GAMES IN YEAR 2005 TO WBRC 2012, AS THE U.S. CANDIDATE CITY AND THE OFFICIAL  
36 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND  
37 BALTIMORE REGION; AND

38 (B) THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL, IF EVER BROUGHT INTO  
39 EXISTENCE, CEASE TO EXIST BY THE FORCE OF THIS ACT ON JANUARY 1, 2014,

1 UNLESS EXTENDED BY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FUTURE LEGISLATION ~~PASSED~~  
2 ENACTED BY EACH OF THE SIGNATORIES; AND

3 (C) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY MAY BE  
4 TRIGGERED INTO EXISTENCE, THE COMBINED SIGNATURES OF THE GOVERNORS OF  
5 VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND, AND THE MAYORS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND  
6 THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, ON ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND  
7 APPROPRIATE TO THE PURSUIT OF THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES SHALL BE DEEMED  
8 BINDING ON FUTURE ACTIONS OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY. FOR THE PURPOSES  
9 OF THIS SUBSECTION:

10 (I) THE ABOVE REFERENCED SIGNATURES MAY BE ON THE SAME  
11 DOCUMENT, ON SEPARATE BUT MATERIALLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR  
12 DOCUMENTS, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF; AND

13 (II) NO INDIVIDUAL SIGNATURE SHALL BE DEEMED EFFECTIVE  
14 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL FOUR ABOVE REFERENCED SIGNATURES ARE OBTAINED.

15 ARTICLE V.

16 REGIONAL AUTHORITY COMPOSITION; TERMS OF SERVICE; ORDER OF BUSINESS;  
17 ACCOUNTING.

18 1. (A) THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL BE COMPOSED OF 11 "VOTING  
19 MEMBERS," AS FOLLOWS:

20 ~~(A)~~ (I) THE STATE OF MARYLAND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THREE  
21 VOTING MEMBERS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

22 ~~(B)~~ (II) THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA SHALL BE ENTITLED TO  
23 THREE VOTING MEMBERS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

24 ~~(C)~~ (III) THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THREE  
25 VOTING MEMBERS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR;

26 ~~(D)~~ (IV) THE CITY OF BALTIMORE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTING  
27 MEMBER, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR; AND

28 ~~(E)~~ (V) THE WASHINGTON/BALTIMORE REGIONAL 2012 COALITION, A  
29 NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION CREATED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF BRINGING  
30 THE OLYMPIC GAMES TO THE REGION, OR THE OCOG, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE  
31 VOTING MEMBER, TO BE APPOINTED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH ITS USUAL  
32 PROCEDURE;

33 ~~(F)~~ (B) THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL CAUSE TO BE FORMED A  
34 REGIONAL AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH SHALL BE COMPRISED OF  
35 REPRESENTATIVES ("ADVISORY MEMBERS") FROM EACH OF THE LOCAL  
36 JURISDICTIONS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPACTED BY HOSTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN  
37 THE REGION, IN A MANNER TO BE DETERMINED BY THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY;

1           ~~(G)~~    (C)    REASONABLE EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT  
2 APPOINTMENTS OF VOTING MEMBERS AND ADVISORY MEMBERS:

3                   (I)    ARE RESIDENTS OF THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY WITH  
4 RELEVANT AND USEFUL EXPERIENCE, AND WITH SUFFICIENT TIME TO DEVOTE TO  
5 THE DUTIES OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY, TO HELP FACILITATE THE SUCCESSFUL  
6 HOSTING OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES;

7                   (II)   REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY INHERENT IN THE  
8 REGIONAL NATURE OF WBRC 2012'S BID PROPOSAL; AND

9                   (III)   REFLECT THE CULTURAL, ETHNIC, AND RACIAL DIVERSITY  
10 INHERENT IN THE CHESAPEAKE REGION; AND

11           ~~(H)~~    (D)    VOTING MEMBERS SHALL NOT BE FINANCIALLY  
12 COMPENSATED FOR THEIR SERVICE ON THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY; SUCH SERVICE  
13 SHALL BE CONSIDERED VOLUNTARY. VOTING MEMBERS MAY BE REIMBURSED BY  
14 THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR NORMAL AND CUSTOMARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN  
15 THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

16    2.        THE TERMS OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY  
17 SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

18                   (A)    THE INITIAL TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE VOTING MEMBERS SHALL BE  
19 2 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT TERMS OF  
20 OFFICE OF THE VOTING MEMBERS SHALL BE FOR 2 YEARS. EACH VOTING MEMBER  
21 SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL HIS OR HER SUCCESSOR SHALL BE APPOINTED AND  
22 DULY QUALIFIED. ANY VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY MAY  
23 SUCCEED HIMSELF OR HERSELF; AND

24                   (B)    ALL VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF  
25 THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY, WHETHER CAUSED BY EXPIRATION OF TERM OF OFFICE,  
26 DEATH, RESIGNATION, OR OTHERWISE, SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS  
27 THAT MEMBERSHIP WAS ORIGINALLY FILLED. THE TERM OF ANY VOTING MEMBER,  
28 APPOINTED TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM, SHALL BE ~~THE TERM OF THE VOTING~~  
29 ~~MEMBER HE OR SHE REPLACED; AND~~ FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM.

30           ~~(E)~~    3.        THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL ELECT FROM ITS  
31 MEMBERSHIP A CHAIRMAN, A VICE CHAIRMAN, A SECRETARY, AND A TREASURER.  
32 SUCH OFFICERS SHALL SERVE FOR SUCH TERMS AS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY  
33 RESOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE  
34 ELECTED AND QUALIFIED. NO VOTING MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY  
35 SHALL HOLD MORE THAN ONE OFFICE ON THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY.

36    ~~3.~~     4.        THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL HOLD MEETINGS IN  
37 ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

38                   (A)    REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL BE HELD  
39 ON SUCH DATES AND AT SUCH TIME AND PLACE AS SHALL BE FIXED BY RESOLUTION  
40 OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY;

1 (B) SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY MAY BE CALLED  
2 BY RESOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY, BY THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN, OR  
3 UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF AT LEAST THREE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE  
4 REGIONAL AUTHORITY;

5 (C) WRITTEN NOTICE OF ALL MEETINGS SHALL BE DELIVERED TO EACH  
6 VOTING MEMBER, NOT LESS THAN 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SUCH MEETING IN  
7 THE CASE OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND NOT LESS THAN 24 HOURS IN THE CASE OF  
8 SPECIAL MEETINGS;

9 (D) EACH VOTING MEMBER SHOULD MAKE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS  
10 TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS CALLED BY THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY; AND

11 (E) A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL  
12 AUTHORITY IN OFFICE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM. A MAJORITY OF THE  
13 QUORUM IS EMPOWERED TO EXERCISE ALL THE RIGHTS AND PERFORM ALL THE  
14 DUTIES OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY AND NO VACANCY ON THE REGIONAL  
15 AUTHORITY SHALL IMPAIR THE RIGHT OF SUCH MAJORITY TO ACT. IF AT ANY  
16 MEETING THERE IS LESS THAN A QUORUM PRESENT, A MAJORITY OF THOSE  
17 PRESENT MAY ADJOURN THE MEETING TO A FIXED TIME AND PLACE, AND NOTICE  
18 OF SUCH TIME AND PLACE SHALL BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C)  
19 OF THIS SECTION, PROVIDED THAT IF THE NOTICE PERIOD UNDER SUBSECTION (C)  
20 OF THIS SECTION CANNOT REASONABLY BE COMPLIED WITH, SUCH NOTICE, IF ANY,  
21 OF SUCH ADJOURNED MEETING SHALL BE GIVEN AS IS REASONABLY ~~PRACTICAL~~;  
22 AND PRACTICAL.

23 ~~(F)~~ 5. THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES AND  
24 REGULATIONS FOR ITS OWN GOVERNANCE, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT.

25 ~~4.~~ 6. THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL:

26 (A) MAKE PROVISION FOR A SYSTEM OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND  
27 CONTROLS, AUDITS, AND REPORTS. ALL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS AND RECORDS,  
28 AUDITING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING SHALL  
29 CONFORM TO GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENTAL  
30 ACCOUNTING. ALL FINANCIAL RECORDS, REPORTS, AND DOCUMENTS OF THE  
31 REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL BE PUBLIC RECORD AND OPEN TO PUBLIC  
32 INSPECTION UNDER REASONABLE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE REGIONAL  
33 AUTHORITY; AND

34 (B) ADOPT A FISCAL YEAR, ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING AND  
35 FINANCIAL CONTROL, DESIGNATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR COMPLETE  
36 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND SPECIFY THE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING FOR EACH SUCH FUND.  
37 THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL CAUSE TO BE PREPARED A FINANCIAL REPORT  
38 ON ALL FUNDS AT LEAST QUARTERLY AND A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE  
39 FISCAL OPERATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY ANNUALLY.



ARTICLE VI.

COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL LAW.

THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH THE LOCAL LAWS OF EACH OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THIS ACT, REGARDING DISCLOSURE, APPOINTMENT, AND OPEN MEETINGS.

ARTICLE VII.

FUNDING OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY.

1. THE OCOG WILL PROVIDE REASONABLE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY AND THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, PAYMENT OF ANY INSURANCE PREMIUMS INCURRED BY THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO IT BY ARTICLE VIII SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED OPERATIONS FUNDS REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION 1 OF THIS ARTICLE. THE OCOG SHALL PAY ONLY SUCH INSURANCE PREMIUMS AS ARE REASONABLE.

3. THE OCOG SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FINANCIAL LIABILITY THAT THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY MAY INCUR UNDER ARTICLE VIII OF THIS ACT.

4. THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE OCOG A PLANNED BUDGET FOR THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY'S NEXT FISCAL YEAR, ADOPTED CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE ~~V 4 (B)~~ V 6 (B) OF THIS ACT, NO LESS THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

ARTICLE VIII.

REGIONAL AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES; ADDITIONAL POWERS.

1. THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY, IN RECOGNITION OF ITS OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE OCOG, SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO:

- (A) THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE OCOG;
- (B) THE ANNUAL BUSINESS PLANS OF THE OCOG; AND
- (C) ALL OTHER OCOG DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE ITS OVERSIGHT PURPOSE.

2. THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ENFORCE OCOG BUDGETARY AND PLANNING CHANGES WHEN:

1 (A) REVIEW BY THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY OF THE OCOG FINANCIAL  
 2 STATEMENTS, ANNUAL BUSINESS PLANS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS CONTEMPLATED  
 3 IN ARTICLE VIII 1 OF THIS ACT SUGGESTS:

4 (I) ECONOMIC SHORTFALLS THAT WOULD POSSIBLY TRIGGER THE  
 5 REGIONAL AUTHORITY'S LIABILITY OUTLINED IN ARTICLE VIII 3 OF THIS ACT; OR

6 (II) THE OCOG WILL FAIL TO HOST THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN A  
 7 MANNER THAT WOULD SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE USOC OR THE IOC; AND

8 (B) SUCH CHANGES ARE SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING  
 9 MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY, NOTWITHSTANDING THE QUORUM  
 10 REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE ~~V 3 (E)~~ V 4 (E) OF THIS ACT.

11 3. THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY, IN RECOGNITION OF ITS DUTIES AS  
 12 OVERSEER OF THE OCOG, SHALL:

13 (A) BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF, CAUSE THE OCOG TO PERFORM, AND  
 14 GUARANTY PERFORMANCE OF THE OCOG'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER ALL DOCUMENTS  
 15 NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO THE PURSUIT OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES;

16 (B) CERTIFY THE OCOG'S PERFORMANCE OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS AS  
 17 REQUESTED BY THE USOC FROM TIME TO TIME;

18 (C) ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR THE OCOG, IF ANY, AS FAR AS REQUIRED BY  
 19 ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO THE PURSUIT AND HOSTING OF  
 20 THE OLYMPIC GAMES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT:

21 (I) WITH REGARD TO THIRD-PARTY TORT LIABILITIES, THE OCOG  
 22 WILL BOTH INDEMNIFY THE STATE AGAINST ANY AND ALL SUCH CLAIMS AND  
 23 PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BE NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON ALL  
 24 APPROPRIATE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND, IN ANY EVENT, NOTHING CONTAINED  
 25 HEREIN SHALL IN ANY WAY MODIFY THE STATE'S EXISTING LIABILITY LIMITATION;  
 26 ~~AND~~

27 (II) WITH REGARD TO ALL OTHER LIABILITIES ARISING OUT OF  
 28 THIS SUBSECTION, THE OCOG AGREES TO HOLD THE STATE HARMLESS AND  
 29 INDEMNIFY THE STATE FOR ANY SUCH LOSSES, ~~AND~~; AND

30 (III) SHOULD THE STATE INCUR ANY LIABILITIES, ~~THEY THE~~  
 31 LIABILITIES SHALL COUNT AGAINST THE TOTAL LIMIT (OR CAP) ON THE STATE'S  
 32 LIABILITIES AS NOTED IN SECTION (D) OF THIS ARTICLE AND ARTICLE ~~IX, 1,~~ IX 1  
 33 BELOW; AND

34 (D) ACCEPT LIABILITY, IF ANY, WITH THE OCOG, FOR ANY FINANCIAL  
 35 DEFICIT OF THE OCOG, OR THE OLYMPIC GAMES, AS FOLLOWS:

36 (I) THE OCOG SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AMOUNT UP TO  
 37 \$25 MILLION;

1 (II) THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY  
 2 AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF \$25 MILLION, BUT NOT TO EXCEED AN ADDITIONAL \$175  
 3 MILLION; AND

4 (III) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN EXISTING APPLICABLE LAW, THE  
 5 OCOG AND THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY SHALL NOT BE LIMITED IN THEIR CHOICE OF  
 6 FUNDING SOURCES FOR COVERING POSSIBLE FINANCIAL LOSSES, INCLUDING BUT  
 7 NOT LIMITED TO THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE, IF COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE AND  
 8 REASONABLY PRICED.

9 4. THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY, IN ITS FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND  
 10 SAFEGUARD ROLE, SHALL ENSURE THAT:

11 (A) NO LEGACY PROGRAMS, FUNDS, OR ACCOUNTS SHALL BE FUNDED  
 12 FROM ANY OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES UNTIL ALL BUDGETARY  
 13 AND OPERATIONAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE OCOG AND THE REGIONAL  
 14 AUTHORITY FOR HOSTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES ARE FIRST MET; AND

15 (B) NO LIABILITY FOR ANY FINANCIAL DEFICIT RESULTING FROM THE  
 16 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES SHALL ACCRUE TO THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY (OR THE  
 17 SIGNATORIES) UNTIL ALL BUDGETARY AND/OR OPERATIONAL FINANCIAL  
 18 SURPLUSES OF THE OCOG, IF ANY, ARE APPLIED TO ALL OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL  
 19 OBLIGATIONS OF THE OCOG AND THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY, IF ANY, ACCRUED  
 20 EXCLUSIVELY IN CONNECTION WITH HOSTING THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

21 5. THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ITS OVERSIGHT  
 22 RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE OCOG, SHALL HAVE THE ADDITIONAL POWERS:

23 (A) TO SUE AND BE SUED IN CONTRACT AND IN TORT;

24 (B) TO COMPLAIN AND DEFEND IN ALL COURTS;

25 (C) TO IMPLEAD AND BE IMPLEADED;

26 (D) TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS;

27 (E) TO HIRE APPROPRIATE STAFF; AND

28 (F) ANY ADDITIONAL POWERS GRANTED TO IT BY SUBSEQUENT  
 29 LEGISLATION.

30 ARTICLE IX.

31 INDEMNIFICATION.

32 1. ANY LIABILITY INCURRED BY THE REGIONAL AUTHORITY, NOT COVERED  
 33 BY INSURANCE UNDER ARTICLE VIII 3 (D)(III), SHALL BE FURTHER INDEMNIFIED BY  
 34 THE SIGNATORIES OF THIS ACT, IN PROPORTION TO THE RELATIVE ECONOMIC  
 35 BENEFIT CURRENTLY EXPECTED TO ACCRUE TO EACH SIGNATORY FROM HOSTING  
 36 THE OLYMPIC GAMES, AS FOLLOWS:

1 (A) THE STATE OF MARYLAND, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION, SHALL BE  
2 LIABLE FOR 53%;

3 (B) THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA SHALL BE LIABLE FOR 19%; AND

4 (C) THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SHALL BE LIABLE FOR 28%.

5 2. EACH OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THIS ACT MAY PROVIDE FOR ITS SHARE OF  
6 ANY POSSIBLE LIABILITY IN ANY MANNER IT MAY CHOOSE, AS BEFITS EACH  
7 SIGNATORY'S INDEPENDENT COMMITMENT.

8 ARTICLE X.

9 COMMITMENTS OF SIGNATORIES.

10 AS APPROPRIATE TO ITS INDIVIDUAL JURISDICTION AND SPECIFIC ROLE IN  
11 HOSTING THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES, EACH SIGNATORY AGREES TO:

12 (A) ENSURE THAT NECESSARY FACILITIES ARE BUILT AND  
13 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TAKE PLACE, INCLUDING  
14 GOVERNMENT FUNDING AS APPROPRIATE;

15 (B) PROVIDE ACCESS TO EXISTING STATE/CITY-CONTROLLED  
16 FACILITIES AND OTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCES AS SPECIFIED IN WBRC 2012'S BID  
17 PROPOSAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW AND CONTRACTUAL  
18 OBLIGATIONS; AND

19 (C) PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY, FIRE PROTECTION, AND OTHER  
20 GOVERNMENT RELATED SERVICES AT A REASONABLE COST TO ENSURE FOR THE  
21 SAFE AND ORDERLY OPERATION OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

22 ARTICLE XI.

23 EFFECTIVE DATES.

24 NONE OF THE DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES ENCOMPASSED IN THIS  
25 LEGISLATION SHALL HAVE EFFECT UNTIL SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LEGISLATION IS  
26 ~~PASSED ENACTED~~ BY EACH OF THE SIGNATORIES, AT WHICH TIME THIS  
27 LEGISLATION SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE EFFECTIVE.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take  
29 effect until a similar Act is passed enacted by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the  
30 District of Columbia; that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia  
31 are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly of Maryland by the  
32 passage enactment of a similar Act; that the Department of Legislative Services shall  
33 notify the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and the District of  
34 Columbia; of the passage enactment of this Act; and that upon the concurrence in this  
35 Act by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia, the Governor of  
36 the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective

1 and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to the Executive Director of the  
2 Department of Legislative Services.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions  
4 of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.