

# HOUSE BILL 1064

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By: **Delegates Conway and Mathias**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Convention Center – Bond Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of curing a previous Act of the General Assembly, erroneously  
4 enacted as part of the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007, by  
5 repealing and reenacting without amendments a provision of law to provide for  
6 an increase in the total principal amount of bonds that may be issued by the  
7 local governing body of a code county; and generally relating to the bonding  
8 authority of code counties.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article 25B – Home Rule for Code Counties  
11 Section 13H(a) and (b)(1)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 25B – Home Rule for Code Counties**

17 13H.

18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (2) “Food”, “premises”, and “substantial grocery or market business”  
20 have the meanings stated in § 11–206 of the Tax – General Article.

21 (3) “Beverage” does not include an alcoholic beverage, as defined in §  
22 5–101 of the Tax – General Article, if the alcoholic beverage is sold for consumption off  
23 the premises.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (4) “Convention center facility” means a convention center of at least  
2 150,000 net square feet, that is used for the holding of conventions, trade shows,  
3 meetings, displays, entertainment shows, or similar events but does not have lodging  
4 facilities.

5           (5) “Resort area” means any portion or portions of a county, as  
6 specified by the county commissioners of the county, that:

7                   (i) By reason of natural, scenic, or man-made attractions or  
8 development, has or have an unusual influx of visitors, sojourners, and temporary  
9 residents; and

10                   (ii) By reason of the influx requires municipal services in  
11 unusual number or magnitude.

12           (6) “Taxable price” has the meaning stated in § 11-101 of the  
13 Tax – General Article.

14           (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the county  
15 commissioners of a code county, by public local law, may impose a tax on the sale of  
16 food and beverages in a resort area in the county for the sole purpose of providing  
17 revenues to pay the principal and interest on bonds issued relating to the construction,  
18 reconstruction, repair, renovation, or equipping of a convention center facility in the  
19 resort area. The total principal amount of the bonds issued by the local governing body  
20 for this purpose may not exceed \$20,000,000.

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2008.