

CHAPTER 320

(House Bill 1433)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Stadium Authority - Baltimore Convention Center

FOR the purpose of extending the date by which the Maryland Stadium Authority and Baltimore City are obligated to contribute to pay a certain percentage of the operating deficits of the Baltimore Convention Center and to pay a certain amount to a certain capital improvement reserve fund for a certain period; extending the date after which Baltimore City is to be solely responsible for all operating deficits and capital improvements for the Baltimore Convention Center; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the financing and payment of certain costs associated with the Baltimore Convention Center.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Financial Institutions

Section 13-712(a)(1)(iii) and 13-712.1(5)(iii)2B

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Economic Development

Section 10-628(c) and 10-640(f)(2)(ii)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter 306 (~~H.B. _____~~) (~~SB 0698~~) (H.B. 1050) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008)

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

Article - Financial Institutions

13-712.

(a) (1) (iii) Unless authorized by the General Assembly, the Board of Public Works may not give approval to an issuance by the Authority of bonds which constitute tax supported debt of the State for Baltimore Convention Center facilities if, after issuance, there would be outstanding and unpaid more than \$55 million face amount of such bonds, whether taxable or tax exempt, for the purpose of financing acquisition, construction, renovation, and related expenses for construction

management, professional fees, and contingencies of Baltimore Convention Center facilities. **THE LIMITATION IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH APPLIES TO THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30 OF ANY YEAR. REFUNDED BONDS MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DETERMINATION OF AN OUTSTANDING AGGREGATE AMOUNT UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.**

13-712.1.

The Authority may not close on the sale of bonds which constitute tax supported debt of the State, and may not otherwise borrow money in amounts exceeding \$35,000 per year, to finance any segment of a facility unless the Authority:

(5) With respect to site acquisition and construction of a Baltimore Convention Center facility, has secured, as approved by the Board of Public Works:

(iii) A written agreement with Baltimore City:

2. That includes provisions that:

B. Require the Authority and Baltimore City to each contribute to operating deficits and a capital improvement reserve fund, for the period beginning upon the completion of the expanded and renovated Baltimore Convention Center facility and ending on [June 30, 2008] **DECEMBER 31, 2014**, as follows:

I. The Authority shall contribute two-thirds and Baltimore City shall contribute one-third to annual operating deficits;

II. The Authority and Baltimore City shall each annually contribute \$200,000 to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund; and

III. Baltimore City shall be solely responsible for all operating deficits and capital improvements:

1. Prior to completion of the expanded and renovated Baltimore Convention Center facility; and

2. After [June 30, 2008] **DECEMBER 31, 2014**; and

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Economic Development

10-628.

(c) (1) Unless authorized by the General Assembly, the Board of Public Works may not approve an issuance by the Authority of bonds, whether taxable or tax exempt, that constitute tax supported debt if, after issuance, there would be outstanding and unpaid more than the following face amounts of the bonds for the purpose of financing acquisition, construction, renovation, and related expenses for construction management, professional fees, and contingencies in connection with:

[(1)] (I) the Baltimore Convention facility – \$55,000,000;

[(2)] (II) the Hippodrome Performing Arts facility – \$20,250,000;

[(3)] (III) the Montgomery County Conference facility – \$23,185,000;

and

[(4)] (IV) the Ocean City Convention facility – \$17,340,000.

(2) (I) **THE LIMITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO ~~ADDITIONAL BONDS ISSUED IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT~~ THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF BONDS OUTSTANDING AS OF JUNE 30 OF ANY YEAR.**

(II) **REFUNDED BONDS MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DETERMINATION OF AN OUTSTANDING AGGREGATE AMOUNT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.**

10-640.

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

(2) that includes provisions that:

(ii) require:

1. for the period beginning on the completion of the expanded and renovated Baltimore Convention facility and ending on [June 30, 2008] **DECEMBER 31, 2014:**

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 [June 30, 2008] **DECEMBER 31, 2014**; and

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 306 (H.B. 1050) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2008. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ June 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.