

# SENATE BILL 1148

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Stadium Authority – Maryland Sports and Affiliated Foundations –**  
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing an office known as Maryland Sports in the Maryland  
5 Stadium Authority; requiring Maryland Sports to implement a program to bring  
6 certain sporting events to the State for certain purposes; requiring Maryland Sports  
7 to act as the State’s sports commission for the purpose of the National Association of  
8 Sports Commissions; authorizing Maryland Sports to request certain assistance and  
9 information from any State or local governmental entity, to accept a certain gift,  
10 bequest, or grant, to spend certain funds, to act as a host committee for certain  
11 sporting events, and to perform certain other tasks; encouraging Maryland Sports to  
12 promote private fund–raising by maintaining certain relationships with a certain  
13 affiliated foundation; authorizing the Authority to establish one or more affiliated  
14 foundations to work with Maryland Sports; establishing the purposes of an affiliated  
15 foundation; requiring the Authority to develop policies for the operation of each  
16 affiliated foundation the Authority establishes; requiring the Attorney General to  
17 review certain policies for form and legal sufficiency and, if appropriate, to approve  
18 the policies; allowing an affiliated foundation to solicit and receive certain  
19 contributions; providing that an affiliated foundation may not be considered an  
20 agency or instrumentality of the State or a unit of the Executive Branch for any  
21 purpose; providing that a financial obligation or liability of an affiliated foundation  
22 may not be considered a debt or an obligation of the State, the Authority, or  
23 Maryland Sports; providing that the Public Ethics Law does not prohibit an  
24 Authority official or employee from working in certain capacities for an affiliated  
25 foundation; requiring an affiliated foundation to undergo a certain audit each year;  
26 authorizing the Authority to grant certain funds under certain circumstances; and  
27 generally relating to the establishment of Maryland Sports and affiliated  
28 foundations.

29 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
30 Article – Economic Development

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 10–604  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

4 BY adding to  
5 Article – Economic Development  
6 Section 10–611 and 10–612  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

11 **Article – Economic Development**

12 10–604.

13 (a) There is a Maryland Stadium Authority.

14 (b) (1) The Authority is a body politic and corporate and is an instrumentality  
15 of the State.

16 (2) The Authority is an independent unit in the Executive Branch of State  
17 government.

18 (3) The exercise by the Authority of its powers under this subtitle is an  
19 essential governmental function.

20 (c) The Authority is a public body under Title 5, Subtitle 4 of this article, the  
21 Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority Act, for purposes of applying for,  
22 receiving, and making agreements in connection with:

23 (1) a loan;

24 (2) a grant;

25 (3) insurance; or

26 (4) any other form of financial assistance.

27 **10–611.**

28 **(A) THERE IS AN OFFICE KNOWN AS MARYLAND SPORTS IN THE**  
29 **AUTHORITY.**

1           **(B) MARYLAND SPORTS SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO BRING**  
2 **REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS AT ALL LEVELS OF**  
3 **COMPETITION TO THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF:**

4                   **(1) UTILIZING SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE STATE;**

5                   **(2) ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE; AND**

6                   **(3) PROMOTING THE STATE AS A DESTINATION FOR AMATEUR AND**  
7 **PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS.**

8           **(C) MARYLAND SPORTS SHALL ACT AS THE STATE'S SPORTS COMMISSION**  
9 **FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS COMMISSIONS.**

10           **(D) TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, MARYLAND SPORTS**  
11 **MAY:**

12                   **(1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, REQUEST**  
13 **ANY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND**  
14 **ASSISTANCE;**

15                   **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ACCEPT A**  
16 **GIFT, BEQUEST, OR GRANT FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE;**

17                   **(3) SPEND FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE IN THE STATE BUDGET;**

18                   **(4) ACT AS THE HOST COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND**  
19 **INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS TO BE HELD IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN THE**  
20 **STATE; AND**

21                   **(5) PERFORM ANY OTHER ACT NECESSARY.**

22           **(E) MARYLAND SPORTS IS ENCOURAGED TO PROMOTE PRIVATE**  
23 **FUND-RAISING BY MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH AFFILIATED**  
24 **FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-612 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

25 **10-612.**

26           **(A) THE AUTHORITY MAY ESTABLISH ONE OR MORE AFFILIATED**  
27 **FOUNDATIONS TO WORK WITH MARYLAND SPORTS, ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-611**  
28 **OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

29           **(B) THE PURPOSES OF AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION ARE TO:**

1           **(1) SUPPORT THE STATE IN:**

2                   **(I) SPORTS BID DEVELOPMENT;**

3                   **(II) SPORTING EVENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION;**

4                   **(III) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH RELATING TO**  
5 **SPORTING EVENTS;**

6                   **(IV) SPONSORSHIP OF SPORTING EVENTS; AND**

7                   **(V) DEVELOPMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH PUBLIC AND**  
8 **PRIVATE ENTITIES DESIGNED TO SPONSOR SPORTING EVENTS;**

9           **(2) PROMOTE REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTING**  
10 **EVENTS TO BE HELD, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE STATE; AND**

11           **(3) RECRUIT, MARKET, PROMOTE, WORK TO RETAIN, AND MANAGE**  
12 **SPORTING EVENTS THAT HAVE A POSITIVE ECONOMIC OR CULTURAL IMPACT, OR**  
13 **OTHERWISE ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE STATE'S CITIZENS.**

14           **(C) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES FOR THE OPERATION**  
15 **OF EACH AFFILIATED FOUNDATION THE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES.**

16                   **(2) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL REVIEW THE POLICIES THE**  
17 **AUTHORITY DEVELOPS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR FORM**  
18 **AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND, IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THEM TO GOVERN THE**  
19 **AFFILIATED FOUNDATION.**

20           **(D) AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION MAY SOLICIT AND RECEIVE**  
21 **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, NONPROFIT**  
22 **ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN**  
23 **THE STATE.**

24           **(E) (1) AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS**  
25 **SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE**  
26 **STATE OR A UNIT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR ANY PURPOSE.**

27                   **(2) A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF AN AFFILIATED**  
28 **FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED AND OPERATED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE**  
29 **CONSIDERED A DEBT OR AN OBLIGATION OF THE STATE, THE AUTHORITY, OR**  
30 **MARYLAND SPORTS.**

1           **(F) SECTIONS 5-501 THROUGH 5-504 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS**  
2 **ARTICLE DO NOT PROHIBIT AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY FROM**  
3 **BECOMING A DIRECTOR, AN OFFICIAL, OR AN EMPLOYEE OF AN AFFILIATED**  
4 **FOUNDATION ORGANIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

5           **(G) AN INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT HIRED AND PAID BY**  
6 **THE AUTHORITY SHALL AUDIT AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED UNDER**  
7 **THIS SECTION EACH YEAR.**

8           **(H) IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET**  
9 **COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE AUTHORITY MAY GRANT UP TO**  
10 **\$500,000 OF THE AUTHORITY'S AVAILABLE NONBUDGETED MONEY TO AFFILIATED**  
11 **FOUNDATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2017.