

SENATE BILL 400

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CF HB 311

By: **Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration) and Senators
Oaks and Robinson**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore Convention Facility – Operating Deficits and Capital Improvement**
3 **Reserve Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of extending the period during which the Maryland Stadium Authority
5 and Baltimore City are obligated under a certain agreement to contribute a certain
6 amount to the annual operating deficits of the Baltimore Convention facility and to
7 pay a certain amount to a certain capital improvement reserve fund; extending the
8 date after which Baltimore City is to be solely responsible for all operating deficits
9 and capital improvements for the Baltimore Convention facility; and generally
10 relating to the financing and payment of certain costs associated with the Baltimore
11 Convention facility.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Economic Development
14 Section 10–640(f)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2008 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Economic Development**

20 10–640.

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

23 (1) in which Baltimore City agrees to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) operate the Baltimore Convention facility in a manner that
2 maximizes the facility's economic return; and

3 (ii) maintain and repair the facility so as to keep it in first class
4 operating condition; and

5 (2) that includes provisions that:

6 (i) protect the respective investment of the Authority, the State, and
7 Baltimore City in the Baltimore Convention facility;

8 (ii) require:

9 1. for the period beginning on the completion of the expanded
10 and renovated Baltimore Convention facility and ending on December 31, [2019] **2029**:

11 A. the Authority to contribute two-thirds and Baltimore City
12 to contribute one-third to annual operating deficits; and

13 B. the Authority and Baltimore City each to contribute
14 \$200,000 each year to a capital improvement reserve fund; and

15 2. Baltimore City to be solely responsible for all operating
16 deficits and capital improvements:

17 A. before the completion of the expanded and renovated
18 Baltimore Convention facility; and

19 B. after December 31, [2019] **2029**; and

20 (iii) provide for remedies on default, including the right of the
21 Authority or the State, if a material default by Baltimore City is not corrected after a
22 reasonable notice and cure period, to:

23 1. immediately assume responsibility for maintenance and
24 repairs of the Baltimore Convention facility; and

25 2. offset the costs of the maintenance and repairs against
26 other amounts owed by the Authority or the State to Baltimore City, whether under the
27 operating agreement with Baltimore City or otherwise.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2018.