

HOUSE BILL 896

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By: **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Stadium Authority)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Stadium Authority – Increase of Bond Authorization – Camden Yards**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of taxable or tax exempt bonds that the Maryland
4 Stadium Authority may issue for certain sports facilities at Camden Yards and the
5 purposes for which the proceeds from those bonds may be utilized; specifying the
6 maximum amount of bonds that may be issued for certain facilities; requiring the
7 Authority, in order to finance acquisition and construction of any segment of a sports
8 facility, to negotiate a certain lease or renewal or extension of a lease with respect to
9 a certain stadium and the approval of the Board of Public Works of the lease or
10 renewal or extension; altering the amount that the Comptroller is required to
11 distribute from the State Lottery Fund to the Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund;
12 and generally relating to the Maryland Stadium Authority and Camden Yards.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Economic Development
15 Section 10–628(b)(1) and (2)(i) and 10–644(b) and (d)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Economic Development
20 Section 10–628(b)(2)(iii)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 2 Article – Economic Development
 3 Section 10–644(a)
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

6 BY repealing
 7 Article – Economic Development
 8 Section 10–644(e)
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 12 Article – State Government
 13 Section 9–120(b)(1)(i)
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
 15 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Economic Development**

19 10–628.

20 (b) (1) Unless authorized by the General Assembly, the Board of Public Works
 21 may not approve an issuance by the Authority of bonds for sports facilities at Camden
 22 Yards, whether taxable or tax exempt, that constitute tax supported debt if, after the
 23 issuance, there would be outstanding and unpaid **[\$235,000,000] \$1,200,000,000** face
 24 amount of bonds for the purpose of financing the [site acquisition and] preparation,
 25 relocation, demolition and removal, construction, **RENOVATION**, and related expenses for
 26 construction management, professional fees, and contingencies of [baseball and football
 27 stadiums or a multiuse stadium] **SPORTS FACILITIES AT CAMDEN YARDS.**

28 (2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the limits on the
 29 issuance of bonds of the Authority, whether taxable or tax exempt, that constitute tax
 30 supported debt for the following purposes with respect to sports facilities at Camden Yards
 31 are:

32 1. **[\$85,000,000] UP TO \$600,000,000 FACE AMOUNT OF**
 33 **BONDS** for [site acquisition and preparation, relocation,] demolition and removal, [and]
 34 construction, **RENOVATION**, and related expenses for construction management,
 35 professional fees, and contingencies for [Camden Yards] **THE FOOTBALL STADIUM AND**
 36 **SPORTS FACILITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE USE OR OPERATION OF THE**
 37 **FOOTBALL STADIUM; AND**

1 2. **[\$70,000,000] UP TO \$600,000,000 FACE AMOUNT OF**
2 **BONDS** for [site work,] **DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL**, construction, **RENOVATION**, and
3 related expenses for construction management, professional fees, and contingencies [of a]
4 **FOR THE BASEBALL STADIUM AND SPORTS FACILITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE**
5 **USE OR OPERATION OF THE** baseball stadium[;

6 3. \$80,000,000 for site work, construction and related
7 expenses for construction management, professional fees, and contingencies of a football
8 stadium; and

9 4. \$195,000,000 for site acquisition and preparation,
10 relocation, demolition and removal, and construction and related expenses for construction
11 management, professional fees, and contingencies of a multiuse stadium].

12 **(III) THE FACE AMOUNT OF BONDS AUTHORIZED UNDER**
13 **SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO § 10-644(B)(2) OF**
14 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

15 10-644.

16 (a) Except as allowed by § 10-639 of this subtitle, to finance acquisition and
17 construction of any segment of a sports facility, the Authority shall comply with this section.

18 (b) The Authority shall provide certification to the Legislative Policy Committee
19 and the Board of Public Works, supported by a detailed report, that the Authority has
20 [attempted]:

21 (1) **ATTEMPTED** to maximize private investment in the sports facility
22 proposed to be financed; and

23 (2) with respect to a baseball or football stadium, [to maximize the State's
24 ability to ensure that the professional baseball and football franchises will remain
25 permanently in the State] **NEGOTIATED A LEASE OR A RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF A**
26 **LEASE THAT WILL NOT TERMINATE PRIOR TO THE MATURITY DATE OR PAYOFF OF**
27 **ANY BONDS ISSUED FOR THE STADIUM.**

28 (d) The Authority shall obtain the approval of the Board of Public Works of the
29 proposed bond issue, **THE LEASE OR A RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF A LEASE**
30 **DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION**, and the financing plan.

31 [(e) The Authority shall secure, as approved by the Board of Public Works:

32 (1) with respect to site acquisition and the construction of a baseball
33 stadium, a long-term lease for a major league professional baseball team; or

1 (2) subject to § 10–617 of this subtitle, with respect to site acquisition and
2 the construction of a football stadium:

3 (i) a franchise for a National Football League team; and

4 (ii) a long-term lease that includes a provision requiring the football
5 team that leases the stadium to agree to reimburse the Authority:

6 1. for \$24,000,000 in stadium construction costs, including
7 the construction, fitting out, and furnishing of the private suites that are part of the football
8 stadium; and

9 2. on the terms and conditions determined by the Authority.]

10 Article – State Government

11 9–120.

12 (b) (1) By the end of the month following collection, the Comptroller shall
13 deposit, cause to be deposited, or pay:

14 (i) into the Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund established under §
15 7–312 of the State Finance and Procurement Article from the money that remains in the
16 State Lottery Fund, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount
17 not to exceed [~~\$20,000,000~~] **\$90,000,000** in any fiscal year;

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2022, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter ____ (H.B. 897) of the Acts of the General
20 Assembly of 2022, and if Chapter ____ (H.B. 897) does not become effective, this Act, with
21 no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.