

HOUSE BILL 1619

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ENROLLED BILL

— Appropriations/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegate Clippinger**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

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

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 affiliated foundation the Authority establishes; requiring the Attorney General to
 2 review certain policies for form and legal sufficiency and, if appropriate, to approve
 3 the policies; requiring the State Ethics Commission to review certain policies that
 4 pertain to conflicts of interest and, if appropriate, to approve the policies; allowing an
 5 affiliated foundation to solicit and receive certain contributions; providing that an
 6 affiliated foundation may not be considered an agency or instrumentality of the State
 7 or a unit of the Executive Branch for any purpose; providing that a financial
 8 obligation or liability of an affiliated foundation may not be considered a debt or an
 9 obligation of the State, the Authority, or Maryland Sports; ~~providing that the Public~~
 10 ~~Ethics Law does not prohibit an Authority official or employee from working in~~
 11 ~~certain capacities for an affiliated foundation requiring the Authority, in~~
 12 ~~consultation with the State Ethics Commission, to adopt regulations to govern~~
 13 ~~conflicts of interest regarding an official or employee of the Authority becoming~~
 14 ~~employed by an affiliated foundation providing that the Public Ethics Law does not~~
 15 prohibit an Authority official or employee from working in certain capacities for an
 16 affiliated foundation; prohibiting an official or employee of the Authority who serves
 17 in certain capacities for an affiliated foundation from being compensated by the
 18 affiliated foundation; authorizing an official or employee of the Authority who serves
 19 in certain capacities for an affiliated foundation to be reimbursed for certain expenses
 20 incurred in serving in certain capacities for an affiliated foundation; requiring the
 21 Authority to notify the Commission in a certain manner whenever the Authority
 22 permits an official or employee of the Authority to serve in certain capacities for an
 23 affiliated foundation; requiring the Commission to notify the Authority within a
 24 certain time of any objections or concerns pertaining to a certain notice; requiring the
 25 Authority to reexamine a certain matter on receipt of a certain notice; requiring the
 26 Authority to report annually to the Governor, the Legislative Policy Committee, and
 27 the Commission on certain information; requiring an affiliated foundation to undergo
 28 a certain audit each year; authorizing the Authority to grant certain funds under
 29 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the establishment of Maryland
 30 Sports and affiliated foundations.

31 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

32 Article – Economic Development
 33 Section 10–604
 34 Annotated Code of Maryland
 35 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

36 BY adding to

37 Article – Economic Development
 38 Section 10–611 and 10–612
 39 Annotated Code of Maryland
 40 (2008 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

43 **Article – Economic Development**

1 10-604.

2 (a) There is a Maryland Stadium Authority.

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

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

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

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

12 (1) a loan;

13 (2) a grant;

14 (3) insurance; or

15 (4) any other form of financial assistance.

16 **10-611.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (D) TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, MARYLAND SPORTS
2 MAY:

3 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, REQUEST
4 ANY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND
5 ASSISTANCE;

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

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

9 (4) ACT AS THE HOST COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND
10 INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS TO BE HELD IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN THE
11 STATE; AND

12 (5) PERFORM ANY OTHER ACT NECESSARY.

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

16 10-612.

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

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

21 (1) SUPPORT THE STATE IN:

22 (I) SPORTS BID DEVELOPMENT;

23 (II) SPORTING EVENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION;

24 (III) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH RELATING TO
25 SPORTING EVENTS;

26 (IV) SPONSORSHIP OF SPORTING EVENTS; AND

27 (V) DEVELOPMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH PUBLIC AND
28 PRIVATE ENTITIES DESIGNED TO SPONSOR SPORTING EVENTS;

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

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

6 (C) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES FOR THE OPERATION
7 OF EACH AFFILIATED FOUNDATION THE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHES.

8 (2) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL REVIEW THE POLICIES THE
9 AUTHORITY DEVELOPS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR FORM
10 AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND, IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THEM TO GOVERN THE
11 AFFILIATED FOUNDATION.

12 (3) THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE POLICIES
13 THE AUTHORITY DEVELOPS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT
14 PERTAIN TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND, IF APPROPRIATE, APPROVE THEM TO
15 GOVERN AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY ALSO SERVING AS A
16 DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL OF AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION.

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

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

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

28 (F) (1) SECTIONS 5-501 THROUGH 5-504 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS
29 ARTICLE DO NOT PROHIBIT AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY FROM
30 THE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SHALL
31 ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO AN
32 OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY SECTIONS 5-501 THROUGH 5-504 OF
33 THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE DO NOT PROHIBIT AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE
34 OF THE AUTHORITY FROM ALSO BECOMING A DIRECTOR, OR AN OFFICIAL, OR AN
35 EMPLOYEE OF AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION ORGANIZED UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 **(2) AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY WHO SERVES AS A**
2 **DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL OF AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION ORGANIZED UNDER THIS**
3 **SECTION:**

4 **(I) MAY NOT BE COMPENSATED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY**
5 **THE AFFILIATED FOUNDATION; AND**

6 **(II) MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR BONA FIDE EXPENSES INCURRED**
7 **IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE AFFILIATED**
8 **FOUNDATION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THAT AFFILIATED**
9 **FOUNDATION AND BY THE AUTHORITY.**

10 **(3) (I) THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOTIFY THE STATE ETHICS**
11 **COMMISSION IN WRITING WHENEVER THE AUTHORITY PERMITS AN OFFICIAL OR**
12 **EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL OF AN**
13 **AFFILIATED FOUNDATION.**

14 **(II) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE UNDER**
15 **SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL**
16 **NOTIFY THE AUTHORITY OF ANY OBJECTIONS OR CONCERNS PERTAINING TO THE**
17 **JOINT SERVICE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE.**

18 **(III) ON RECEIPT OF A NOTICE FROM THE STATE ETHICS**
19 **COMMISSION UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE AUTHORITY**
20 **SHALL REEXAMINE THE MATTER.**

21 **(4) THE AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR,**
22 **THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN**
23 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AND THE**
24 **STATE ETHICS COMMISSION:**

25 **(I) THE NAMES OF THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES SERVING AS**
26 **A DIRECTOR OR OFFICIAL OF AN AFFILIATED FOUNDATION; AND**

27 **(II) HOW THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED UNDER**
28 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN THE PRECEDING**
29 **YEAR.**

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

33 **(H) IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, AFTER ~~THE APPROVAL OF~~ PROVIDING THE**
34 **BUDGET COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW**

1 AND COMMENT, THE AUTHORITY MAY GRANT UP TO \$500,000 OF THE AUTHORITY'S
2 AVAILABLE NONBUDGETED MONEY TO AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS ESTABLISHED
3 UNDER THIS SECTION.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.