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House Bill 1472 (Delegate Reznik)
Health and Government Operations

Maryland Stadium Authority - Use of State Owned or Leased Suite - Disclosure

This bill requires the Governor to report specified information related to the use of State owned or leased stadium suites in a State owned or leased stadium to the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA). Specifically, the Governor must report (1) the name of each person who received a ticket to attend an event or meal; (2) the date and nature of the event; and (3) any amount that the person paid or reimbursed the State for a ticket, food, or beverages provided to the person. The Governor must report the information within 15 business days after the close of each quarter and MSA must post the information on its website.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Governor's Office and MSA can handle the bill's requirements with existing budgeted resources, as discussed below. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: There is no requirement to report and publish attendee information and related costs at the State's stadium suites. There are four affected suites in total; two at Oriole Park at Camden Yards and two at M&T Bank Stadium. There is a State stadium suite at FedEx Field, but that stadium is not State owned or leased, so the reporting requirement does not apply.

State Expenditures: The Governor's Office advises that it currently maintains a list of event attendees but that the bill's 15 business day reporting deadline does not allow sufficient time for State credit card billing cycles to complete and for related payments to be fully reconciled for some events close to the end of each quarter. Assuming preliminary data can be sent within the required timeframe and subsequently updated with final data when it becomes available, both the Governor's Office and MSA can handle the bill's requirements with existing budgeted resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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