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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Sports Entertainment Facilities Act of 2022~~

3 Economic Development – Sports Entertainment Facilities and Events, Prince
4 George’s County Blue Line Corridor Facilities, and Racing Facilities

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to issue certain bonds to
6 finance site acquisition, design, and construction of any portion of a certain sports
7 entertainment facility, subject to certain limitations; authorizing the Authority to
8 issue certain bonds to finance the planning, design, and construction of certain
9 Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor facilities, subject to certain limitations;
10 authorizing the Authority to review and make recommendations on certain Prince
11 George’s County Blue Line Corridor facilities and to acquire certain Prince George’s
12 County Blue Line Corridor facility sites or an interest in the sites; establishing the
13 Major Sports and Entertainment Event Program in the Authority; requiring the
14 Authority to submit a certain report, prepared in cooperation with the Office of the
15 Comptroller and the Department of Budget and Management, to the Governor and
16 the General Assembly; requiring the Authority to provide a certain financing plan to
17 certain committees of the General Assembly before seeking approval of the Board of
18 Public Works for a certain bond issuing or other borrowing; requiring the Authority
19 to obtain Board of Public Works approval for a certain agreement containing certain
20 terms; establishing the Sports Entertainment Facilities Financing Fund ~~as a~~, the
21 Major Sports and Entertainment Event Program Fund, and the Prince George’s
22 County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund as continuing, nonlapsing ~~fund funds~~;
23 requiring the interest earnings of the ~~Sports Entertainment Facilities Financing~~
24 Fund funds to be credited to the ~~Fund funds~~; requiring the Comptroller to distribute

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 a certain amount from the State Lottery Fund to ~~the Sports Entertainment Facilities~~
 2 ~~Financing Fund~~ certain funds and the Department of Transportation for certain
 3 purposes in a certain manner; exempting from the sales and use tax certain
 4 construction material purchased for a sports entertainment facility or a Prince
 5 George's County Blue Line Corridor facility under certain circumstances; requiring
 6 the Department of Transportation to award grants to certain counties and municipal
 7 corporations for bus rapid transit systems under certain circumstances; requiring
 8 the Authority to report on the progress of certain racing facility redevelopment plans
 9 on or before certain dates; requiring the Maryland Economic Development
 10 Corporation to take certain actions regarding the redevelopment and construction of
 11 facilities at a certain racing facility site; and generally relating to the Maryland
 12 ~~Stadium Authority and~~ major sports and entertainment events, the financing and
 13 construction of sports entertainment facilities, Prince George's County Blue Line
 14 Corridor facilities, and racing facilities.

15 BY renumbering

16 Article – Economic Development

17 Section ~~10-601(zz) through (eee)~~ 10-601(oo) through (xx), respectively

18 to be Section ~~10-601(bbb) through (ggg)~~ 10-601(qq) through (zz), respectively

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Economic Development

23 Section ~~10-601(s) and (yy) through (eee), 10-613(b), 10-618(b), 10-620(d)~~ 10-620(b),

24 (d), and (e), 10-625(a)(2), and 10-628(c)(1)

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

27 BY adding to

28 Article – Economic Development

29 Section ~~10-601(yy) and (zz), 10-646.3, and 10-657.5~~ 10-601(oo), (pp), (aaa), and

30 (bbb), 10-611.1, 10-611.2, 10-646.3, 10-646.4, 10-657.5, and 10-657.6

31 Annotated Code of Maryland

32 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

33 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

34 Article – State Finance and Procurement

35 Section ~~6-226(a)(2)(i)~~

36 Annotated Code of Maryland

37 (2021 Replacement Volume)

38 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

39 Article – State Finance and Procurement

40 Section ~~6-226(a)(2)(ii)~~ 144. and 145.

41 Annotated Code of Maryland

42 (2021 Replacement Volume)

1 BY adding to
 2 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 3 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii) 146. through 148.
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2021 Replacement Volume)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 7 Article – State Government
 8 Section 9–120(b)(1)(i)
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

16 BY adding to
 17 Article – State Government
 18 Section 9–120(b)(1)(viii) through (xi)
 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
 20 (2021 Replacement Volume)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 22 Article – Tax – General
 23 Section 11–243
 24 Annotated Code of Maryland
 25 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

26 BY adding to
 27 Article – Transportation
 28 Section 2–802
 29 Annotated Code of Maryland
 30 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

31 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 32 That Section(s) ~~10–601(zz) through (ccc)~~ 10–601(oo) through (xx), respectively, of Article –
 33 Economic Development of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
 34 ~~10–601(bb) through (ggg)~~ 10–601(qq) through (zz), respectively.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
 36 as follows:

37 **Article – Economic Development**

1 10-601.

2 (s) “Facility” means:

3 (1) a structure or other improvement developed at Camden Yards;

4 (2) a convention facility;

5 (3) the Hippodrome Performing Arts facility;

6 (4) a sports facility;

7 (5) a Baltimore City public school facility;

8 (6) a racing facility;

9 (7) a public school facility; [or]

10 (8) the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility; ~~OR~~

11 (9) A SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY; OR

12 (10) A PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY.

13 (OO) “PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR” MEANS AN AREA,
 14 THE SPECIFIC BOUNDARIES OF WHICH ARE DESIGNATED BY PUBLIC LOCAL LAW, IN
 15 CENTRAL PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY NEAR THE INTERSECTIONS OF I-495 AND
 16 LANDOVER ROAD, ARENA DRIVE, AND CENTRAL AVENUE.

17 (PP) “PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY” MEANS
 18 A FACILITY LOCATED WITHIN THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE
 19 CORRIDOR THAT IS:

20 (1) A CONVENTION CENTER;

21 (2) AN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AMPHITHEATER; AND

22 (3) ANY OTHER FUNCTIONALLY RELATED STRUCTURES,
 23 IMPROVEMENTS, INFRASTRUCTURE, FURNISHINGS, OR EQUIPMENT OF THE
 24 FACILITY, INCLUDING PARKING GARAGES.

25 ~~(YY)~~ (AAA) (1) “SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY” MEANS A STRUCTURE
 26 OR OTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THE STATE AT WHICH MINOR LEAGUE GAMES ARE
 27 PLAYED OR OTHER NON-MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTING EVENTS ARE HELD.

1 **(2) “SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY” INCLUDES PARKING LOTS,**
 2 **GARAGES, AND ANY OTHER PROPERTY ADJACENT AND DIRECTLY RELATED TO A**
 3 **FACILITY DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THE SUBSECTION.**

4 **(3) “SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

5 **(I) A FACILITY LOCATED AT CAMDEN YARDS;**

6 **(II) A SPORTS FACILITY; OR**

7 **(III) A HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGIATE, OR RECREATIONAL VENUE**
 8 **THAT DOES NOT GENERATE POSITIVE INCREMENTAL TAX BENEFITS TO THE STATE.**

9 ~~(zz)~~ **(BBB) “SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES FINANCING FUND”**
 10 **MEANS THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES FINANCING FUND ESTABLISHED**
 11 **UNDER § 10–657.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

12 **[(yy)] ~~(AAA)~~ (CCC) (1) “Sports facility” means:**

13 (i) a stadium primarily for professional football, major league
 14 professional baseball, or both, in the Baltimore metropolitan region, as defined in § 13–301
 15 of this article;

16 (ii) practice fields or other areas where professional football or major
 17 league professional baseball teams practice or perform; and

18 (iii) offices for professional football and major league professional
 19 baseball teams or franchises.

20 (2) “Sports facility” includes parking lots, garages, and any other property
 21 adjacent and directly related to an item listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

22 **(3) “SPORTS FACILITY” DOES NOT INCLUDE A SPORTS**
 23 **ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY.**

24 **[(zz)] (DDD) “Supplemental Facilities Fund” means the Supplemental Facilities**
 25 **Fund established under § 10–657.1 of this subtitle.**

26 **[(aaa)] (EEE) (1) “Supplemental facility” means a structure or other**
 27 **improvement developed in Baltimore City outside Camden Yards.**

28 (2) **“Supplemental facility” does not include the Baltimore Convention**
 29 **facility or the Hippodrome Performing Arts facility.**

30 **[(bbb)] (FFF) “Supplemental facility site” means the site of any supplemental**
 31 **facility.**

1 **6. AN EXHIBITION; AND**

2 **7. A SHOW.**

3 **(3) (I) "MAJOR SPORTING EVENT" MEANS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE**
4 **SPECIFIED BY THE AUTHORITY, A PROFESSIONAL OR AN AMATEUR SPORTING EVENT**
5 **THAT IS SANCTIONED BY A REGIONAL, NATIONAL, OR INTERNATIONAL**
6 **ORGANIZATION OR ASSOCIATION WITH:**

7 **1. AN EXPECTED ATTENDANCE OF AT LEAST 20,000**
8 **PEOPLE;**

9 **2. A NEGOTIATED BROADCASTING DEAL WITH EITHER**
10 **LIVE OR DELAYED BROADCASTING;**

11 **3. COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES; OR**

12 **4. A DEMONSTRATED POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR**
13 **THE STATE.**

14 **(II) "MAJOR SPORTING EVENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

15 **1. A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL GAME, EXCEPT FOR:**

16 **A. THE SUPER BOWL; OR**

17 **B. AN EXHIBITION OR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FOR AN**
18 **ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE;**

19 **2. A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME, EXCEPT FOR:**

20 **A. A MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAME; OR**

21 **B. AN EXHIBITION OR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FOR AN**
22 **ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL; OR**

23 **3. A PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL GAME.**

24 **(4) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MAJOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**
25 **EVENT PROGRAM.**

26 **(B) (1) THERE IS A MAJOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT**
27 **PROGRAM IN THE AUTHORITY.**

28 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:**

1 **(I) ATTRACT MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS AND MAJOR**
2 **ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS TO THE STATE;**

3 **(II) ATTRACT FANS, PARTICIPANTS, AND TOURISTS TO THE**
4 **STATE FOR MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS;**

5 **(III) GENERATE POSITIVE MEDIA COVERAGE FOR THE STATE;**
6 **AND**

7 **(IV) GENERATE A POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THE STATE.**

8 **(C) MARYLAND SPORTS, ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-611 OF THIS SUBTITLE,**
9 **SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS**
10 **SECTION.**

11 **(D) WITH APPROVAL FROM THE AUTHORITY AND TO ASSIST WITH THE**
12 **COSTS OF ATTRACTING AND ORGANIZING A MAJOR SPORTING EVENT OR MAJOR**
13 **ENTERTAINMENT EVENT, INCLUDING EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH ADVERTISING,**
14 **PROMOTIONS, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS, FUNDING MAY BE AWARDED TO:**

15 **(1) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION;**

16 **(2) A FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION;**

17 **(3) A COUNTY; OR**

18 **(4) A BUSINESS ENTITY.**

19 **10-611.2.**

20 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FUND” MEANS THE MAJOR SPORTS AND**
21 **ENTERTAINMENT EVENT PROGRAM FUND.**

22 **(B) THERE IS A MAJOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT PROGRAM**
23 **FUND.**

24 **(C) (1) THE MAJOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT PROGRAM**
25 **FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO**
26 **IMPLEMENT THE MAJOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT PROGRAM**
27 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-611.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

28 **(2) (I) THE AUTHORITY SHALL:**

1 **1. USE THE FUND AS A REVOLVING FUND FOR CARRYING**
2 **OUT THE PROVISIONS OF § 10-611.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

3 **2. PAY EXPENSES FROM THE FUND RELATED TO THE**
4 **MAJOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER §**
5 **10-611.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

6 **(II) THE AUTHORITY MAY USE THE FUND TO PAY**
7 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDING COSTS TO**
8 **MARKET AND ADVERTISE THE PROGRAM.**

9 **(D) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

10 **(1) MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 9-120(B)(1)(IX) OF**
11 **THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;**

12 **(2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;**

13 **(3) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND**

14 **(4) ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY MADE AVAILABLE FROM ANY PUBLIC**
15 **SOURCE FOR THE PURPOSES ESTABLISHED FOR THE FUND.**

16 **(E) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND**
17 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.**

18 **(2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.**

19 **(3) NO PART OF THE FUND MAY REVERT OR BE CREDITED TO THE**
20 **GENERAL FUND OR ANY SPECIAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

21 **10-613.**

22 **(b) The Authority may review and make recommendations on proposed**
23 **convention center facilities, the Hippodrome Performing Arts facility, [and] the**
24 **Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility, AND A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**
25 **BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY, including the expansion and enhancement of the**
26 **Baltimore City Convention Center and the Ocean City Convention Center and the**
27 **development and construction of the Montgomery County Conference Center, the**
28 **Hippodrome Performing Arts Center, [and] the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events**
29 **Facility, AND A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY with**
30 **respect to location, purpose, design, function, capacity, parking, costs, funding mechanisms,**
31 **and revenue alternatives, with specific recommendations on:**

32 **(1) the level of support from the private sector;**

- 1 (2) the type of support from the private sector;
 2 (3) special taxing sources;
 3 (4) projected revenues;
 4 (5) bonding authority and the source of debt service; and
 5 (6) the fiscal impact on the State of any revenue alternatives.

6 10–618.

7 (b) The Authority may:

- 8 (1) acquire by any of the means specified in § 10–620(a) of this subtitle:
 9 (i) a site at Camden Yards for a facility;
 10 (ii) a Baltimore Convention site or an interest in the site;
 11 (iii) an Ocean City Convention site or an interest in the site;
 12 (iv) a Montgomery County Conference site or an interest in the site;
 13 (v) a Hippodrome Performing Arts site or an interest in the site;

14 [and]

- 15 (vi) a Hagerstown Multi–Use Sports and Events Facility site or an
 16 interest in the site; ~~and~~

17 **(VII) A SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY SITE OR AN INTEREST**
 18 **IN THE SITE; AND**

19 **(VIII) A PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR**
 20 **FACILITY SITE OR AN INTEREST IN THE SITE; AND**

- 21 (2) construct or enter into a contract to construct a facility on a site it
 22 acquires under this subsection.

23 10–620.

24 (b) (1) The exercise of authority under this subsection is subject to subsection
 25 (a) of this section, the prior approval of the Board of Public Works, and review by the
 26 Legislative Policy Committee.

1 (2) The Authority may condemn any private property for any purpose of
2 the Authority:

3 (i) in accordance with Title 12 of the Real Property Article; and

4 (ii) only in Camden Yards [and], at the Hippodrome Performing Arts
5 site, AND AT A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY SITE.

6 (d) (1) The exercise of authority under this subsection is subject to the prior
7 approval of the Board of Public Works.

8 (2) On request of the Authority, the State, a unit of the State, or a political
9 subdivision may lease, lend, grant, or otherwise convey to the Authority, property,
10 including property devoted to public use, as necessary or convenient for the purposes of this
11 subtitle.

12 (3) The State may lease or sublease a facility, or an interest in a facility,
13 from or to the Authority, whether or not constructed or usable.

14 (4) Lease payments to the Authority appropriated by the State shall be
15 transferred to:

16 (i) the Baltimore Convention Fund if appropriated for a Baltimore
17 Convention facility;

18 (ii) the Camden Yards Fund if appropriated for a sports facility or
19 other facility at Camden Yards;

20 (iii) the Hippodrome Performing Arts Fund if appropriated for a
21 Hippodrome Performing Arts facility;

22 (iv) the Montgomery County Conference Fund if appropriated for a
23 Montgomery County Conference facility;

24 (v) the Ocean City Convention Fund if appropriated for an Ocean
25 City Convention facility; [or]

26 (vi) the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility Fund if
27 appropriated for a Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility; ~~OR~~

28 **(VII) THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES FINANCING**
29 **FUND IF APPROPRIATED FOR A SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY; OR**

30 **(VIII) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR**
31 **FACILITY FUND IF APPROPRIATED FOR A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE**
32 **CORRIDOR FACILITY.**

1 (e) (1) This subsection does not apply to the Camden Yards site, Baltimore
 2 Convention site, Ocean City Convention site, Hippodrome Performing Arts site, any
 3 Baltimore City public school site, any racing facility, the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and
 4 Events Facility site, any supplemental facility site, [or] any public school site, ~~OR~~ **A**
 5 **SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY, OR A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE**
 6 **CORRIDOR FACILITY SITE.**

7 (2) The Authority and any Authority affiliate are subject to applicable
 8 planning, zoning, and development regulations to the same extent as a private commercial
 9 or industrial enterprise.

10 10-625.

11 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Authority shall submit:

12 (2) annual reports on the additional tax revenues generated by each of the
 13 following facilities, ~~prepared in cooperation with the Office of the Comptroller and the~~
 14 ~~Department of Budget and Management.~~

15 (i) the Baltimore Convention facility;

16 (ii) the Hippodrome Performing Arts facility;

17 (iii) the Montgomery County Conference facility;

18 (iv) the Ocean City Convention facility; [and]

19 (v) the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility; ~~AND~~

20 **(VI) A SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY; AND**

21 **(VII) A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR**
 22 **FACILITY SITE.**

23 10-628.

24 (c) (1) Unless authorized by the General Assembly, the Board of Public Works
 25 may not approve an issuance by the Authority of bonds, whether taxable or tax exempt,
 26 that constitute tax supported debt or nontax supported debt if, after issuance, there would
 27 be outstanding and unpaid more than the following face amounts of the bonds for the
 28 purpose of financing acquisition, construction, renovation, and related expenses for
 29 construction management, professional fees, and contingencies in connection with:

30 (i) the Baltimore Convention facility – \$55,000,000;

- 1 (ii) the Hippodrome Performing Arts facility – \$20,250,000;
- 2 (iii) the Montgomery County Conference facility – \$23,185,000;
- 3 (iv) the Ocean City Convention facility – \$24,500,000;
- 4 (v) Baltimore City public school facilities – \$1,100,000,000;
- 5 (vi) supplemental facilities – \$25,000,000;
- 6 (vii) racing facilities – \$375,000,000;
- 7 (viii) public school facilities in the State – \$2,200,000,000; [and]
- 8 (ix) the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility –
- 9 \$59,500,000; ~~AND~~
- 10 (X) **SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES – \$200,000,000; AND**
- 11 **(XI) PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR**
- 12 **FACILITIES – \$400,000,000.**

13 **10-646.3.**

14 (A) EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY § 10-639 OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO FINANCE
 15 SITE ACQUISITION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, AND FURNISHING OF ANY
 16 SEGMENT OF A SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY, THE AUTHORITY SHALL COMPLY
 17 WITH THIS SECTION.

18 (B) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE RECEIVED A WRITTEN REQUEST
 19 FOR FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FROM THE STATE, A
 20 COUNTY, OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT
 21 FACILITY IS LOCATED OR TO BE LOCATED.

22 (2) THE REQUEST SHALL INCLUDE:

23 (I) THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED SPORTS
 24 ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY;

25 (II) THE AMOUNT, SOURCE, AND TIMING OF FUNDING NOT
 26 INCLUDING AUTHORITY BONDS WHICH MAY BE ISSUED TO FINANCE THE PROPOSED
 27 SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY; AND

28 (III) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ANTICIPATED USE OF THE
 29 PROPOSED SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY.

1 (C) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE THE FISCAL COMMITTEES OF THE
2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE SEEKING APPROVAL OF THE
3 BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR EACH BOND ISSUE OR OTHER BORROWING, A
4 COMPREHENSIVE FINANCING PLAN FOR THE RELEVANT SEGMENT OF THE FACILITY.

5 (D) THE AUTHORITY SHALL OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF
6 PUBLIC WORKS OF THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE, THE FINANCING PLAN, AND THE
7 AGREEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (E) THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT ISSUE BONDS TO FINANCE A SPORTS
9 ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY UNTIL THE AUTHORITY SECURES A WRITTEN
10 AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE, COUNTY, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE
11 SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
12 PUBLIC WORKS, UNDER WHICH:

13 (1) THE SOURCE OF FUNDING AND THE ORDER IN WHICH FUNDS WILL
14 BE SPENT IS DESCRIBED; AND

15 (2) THE STATE, COUNTY, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREES TO:

16 (I) OWN, MARKET, PROMOTE, AND OPERATE OR CONTRACT FOR
17 THE MARKETING, PROMOTION, AND OPERATION OF THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT
18 FACILITY IN A MANNER THAT MAXIMIZES THE FACILITY'S ECONOMIC RETURN;

19 (II) MAINTAIN AND REPAIR OR CONTRACT FOR THE
20 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY SO AS TO
21 KEEP THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY IN FIRST-CLASS OPERATING
22 CONDITION; AND

23 (III) ANY OTHER TERMS OR CONDITIONS DEEMED NECESSARY
24 OR APPROPRIATE BY THE AUTHORITY.

25 (F) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, A COUNTY OR LOCAL
26 GOVERNMENT IN WHICH A SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY FINANCED IN WHOLE
27 OR IN PART UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS LOCATED SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE
28 BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS
29 COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
30 ARTICLE, ON THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE
31 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR NEEDED TO KEEP THE FACILITY IN OPERATING ORDER.

32 (G) (1) A BOND ISSUED TO FINANCE A SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT
33 FACILITY:

1 (I) IS A LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE AUTHORITY PAYABLE
2 SOLELY FROM MONEY PLEDGED BY THE AUTHORITY TO THE PAYMENT OF THE
3 PRINCIPAL OF AND THE PREMIUM AND INTEREST ON THE BOND OR MONEY MADE
4 AVAILABLE TO THE AUTHORITY FOR THAT PURPOSE;

5 (II) IS NOT A DEBT, LIABILITY, OR PLEDGE OF THE FAITH AND
6 CREDIT OR THE TAXING POWER OF THE STATE, THE AUTHORITY, OR ANY OTHER
7 GOVERNMENTAL UNIT BUT IS ONLY A LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE AUTHORITY
8 PAYABLE SOLELY FROM MONEY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AUTHORITY FOR THAT
9 PURPOSE; AND

10 (III) MAY NOT GIVE RISE TO ANY PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF THE
11 STATE, THE AUTHORITY, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNIT BUT IS ONLY A
12 LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE AUTHORITY PAYABLE SOLELY FROM MONEY PLEDGED
13 BY THE AUTHORITY.

14 (2) THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND TO FINANCE A SPORTS
15 ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY IS NOT DIRECTLY, INDIRECTLY, OR CONTINGENTLY A
16 MORAL OR OTHER OBLIGATION OF THE STATE, THE AUTHORITY, OR ANY OTHER
17 GOVERNMENTAL UNIT TO LEVY OR PLEDGE ANY TAX OR TO MAKE AN
18 APPROPRIATION TO PAY THE BOND.

19 (3) EACH BOND SHALL STATE ON ITS FACE THE PROVISIONS OF
20 PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

21 (H) THE SOLE SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR BONDS ISSUED FOR A SPORTS
22 ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY SHALL BE MONEY ON DEPOSIT IN THE SPORTS
23 ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES FINANCING FUND.

24 10-646.4.

25 (A) EXCEPT AS ALLOWED BY § 10-639 OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO FINANCE SITE
26 ACQUISITION AND THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PRINCE
27 GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY, THE AUTHORITY SHALL
28 COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.

29 (B) AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE SEEKING APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF
30 PUBLIC WORKS FOR EACH BOND ISSUE OR OTHER BORROWING, THE AUTHORITY
31 SHALL PROVIDE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT
32 ARTICLE, TO THE FISCAL COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A
33 COMPREHENSIVE FINANCING PLAN FOR THE RELEVANT PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
34 BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY THAT INCLUDES:

1 **(1) THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF FUNDS NEEDED FOR THE PRINCE**
2 **GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY TO BE FINANCED WITH THE**
3 **PROPOSED BONDS;**

4 **(2) A DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE**
5 **CORRIDOR FACILITY TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR RENOVATED;**

6 **(3) THE ANTICIPATED TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FOR THE PROPOSED**
7 **BOND ISSUE;**

8 **(4) THE ANTICIPATED TOTAL DEBT SERVICE WHEN COMBINED WITH**
9 **THE DEBT SERVICE FOR ALL PRIOR OUTSTANDING BOND ISSUES FOR PRINCE**
10 **GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITIES; AND**

11 **(5) ANTICIPATED PROJECT COSTS FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE'S**
12 **COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY.**

13 **(c) (1) A BOND ISSUED TO FINANCE SITE ACQUISITION, PLANNING,**
14 **DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATIONS OF OR IMPROVEMENTS TO A**
15 **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY:**

16 **(i) IS A LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE AUTHORITY PAYABLE**
17 **SOLELY FROM MONEY PLEDGED BY THE AUTHORITY TO THE PAYMENT OF THE**
18 **PRINCIPAL OF AND THE PREMIUM AND INTEREST ON THE BOND OR MONEY MADE**
19 **AVAILABLE TO THE AUTHORITY FOR THAT PURPOSE;**

20 **(ii) IS NOT A DEBT, A LIABILITY, OR A PLEDGE OF THE FAITH**
21 **AND CREDIT OR THE TAXING POWER OF THE STATE, THE AUTHORITY, OR ANY OTHER**
22 **GOVERNMENTAL UNIT; AND**

23 **(iii) MAY NOT GIVE RISE TO ANY PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF THE**
24 **STATE, THE AUTHORITY, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNIT.**

25 **(2) THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND TO FINANCE THE SITE ACQUISITION,**
26 **PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATIONS OF OR IMPROVEMENTS**
27 **TO A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY IS NOT**
28 **DIRECTLY, INDIRECTLY, OR CONTINGENTLY A MORAL OR OTHER OBLIGATION OF**
29 **THE STATE, THE AUTHORITY, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNIT TO LEVY OR**
30 **PLEDGE ANY TAX OR MAKE ANY APPROPRIATION TO PAY THE BOND.**

31 **(3) EACH BOND SHALL STATE ON ITS FACE THE PROVISIONS OF**
32 **PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

1 **(D) THE AUTHORITY SHALL OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF**
2 **PUBLIC WORKS OF THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE, THE FINANCING PLAN, AND THE**
3 **AGREEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

4 **(E) THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT ISSUE BONDS TO FINANCE A PRINCE**
5 **GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY UNTIL THE AUTHORITY**
6 **SECURES A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IDENTIFYING**
7 **THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCE**
8 **GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY.**

9 **(F) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, UNTIL**
10 **THE BONDS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO FINANCE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE**
11 **LINE CORRIDOR FACILITIES ARE NO LONGER OUTSTANDING AND UNPAID, THE**
12 **COMPTROLLER SHALL DEPOSIT INTO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE**
13 **CORRIDOR FACILITY FUND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,000,000 FROM THE**
14 **STATE LOTTERY FUND UNDER § 9-120(B)(1)(XI) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
15 **ARTICLE.**

16 **10-657.5.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT**
18 **FACILITIES FINANCING FUND.**

19 **(B) THERE IS A SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES FINANCING FUND.**

20 **(C) (1) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT SHALL BE**
21 **AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE CONCERNING SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT**
22 **FACILITIES.**

23 **(2) THE AUTHORITY SHALL:**

24 **(I) USE THE FUND AS A REVOLVING FUND FOR CARRYING OUT**
25 **THIS SUBTITLE CONCERNING SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES; AND**

26 **(II) PAY ANY AND ALL EXPENSES FROM THE FUND THAT ARE**
27 **INCURRED BY THE AUTHORITY RELATED TO ANY SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT**
28 **FACILITY.**

29 **(D) TO THE EXTENT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE BY THE AUTHORITY, THE**
30 **MONEY ON DEPOSIT IN THE FUND SHALL BE PLEDGED TO AND USED TO PAY THE**
31 **FOLLOWING RELATED TO SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES:**

32 **(1) DEBT SERVICE ON AUTHORITY BONDS;**

1 (2) DEBT SERVICE RESERVES UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT;

2 (3) ALL REASONABLE CHARGES AND EXPENSES RELATED TO
3 AUTHORITY BORROWING; AND

4 (4) ALL REASONABLE CHARGES AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE
5 AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND AND MANAGEMENT OF THE
6 AUTHORITY'S OBLIGATIONS.

7 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

8 (1) MONEY DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND;

9 (2) TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PROCEEDS ARE NOT UNDER A TRUST
10 AGREEMENT, PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF BONDS CONCERNING SPORTS
11 ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES;

12 (3) REVENUES COLLECTED OR RECEIVED FROM ANY SOURCE UNDER
13 THIS SUBTITLE RELATED TO SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY PROJECTS;

14 (4) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND

15 (5) ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY MADE AVAILABLE FROM ANY PUBLIC
16 SOURCE FOR THE PURPOSES ESTABLISHED FOR THE FUND.

17 (F) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
18 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE FUNDS.

19 (2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

20 (3) NO PART OF THE FUND MAY REVERT OR BE CREDITED TO THE
21 GENERAL FUND OR ANY SPECIAL FUND OF THE STATE.

22 **10-657.6.**

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
24 BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY FUND.

25 (B) THERE IS A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR
26 FACILITY FUND.

27 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO ENABLE THE AUTHORITY TO:

1 **(1) USE THE FUND AS A REVOLVING FUND FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS**
2 **SUBTITLE AS IT RELATES TO A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR**
3 **FACILITY; AND**

4 **(2) PAY ANY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE AUTHORITY THAT ARE**
5 **RELATED TO A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY.**

6 **(D) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

7 **(E) (1) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**
8 **SUBJECT TO REVERSION UNDER § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND**
9 **PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

10 **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,**
11 **AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

12 **(F) (1) TO THE EXTENT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE BY THE AUTHORITY,**
13 **THE RECEIPTS OF THE FUND SHALL BE PLEDGED TO AND CHARGED WITH THE**
14 **FOLLOWING RELATED TO A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR**
15 **FACILITY:**

16 **(I) PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON AUTHORITY BONDS;**

17 **(II) ALL REASONABLE CHARGES AND EXPENSES RELATED TO**
18 **THE AUTHORITY'S BORROWING; AND**

19 **(III) THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AUTHORITY'S OBLIGATIONS.**

20 **(2) THE PLEDGE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IN THE SAME MANNER AS**
21 **PROVIDED IN § 10-634 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

22 **(G) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

23 **(1) MONEY DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 9-120(B)(1)(XI) OF**
24 **THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;**

25 **(2) MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR DEPOSIT IN THE FUND;**

26 **(3) PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF BONDS CONCERNING A PRINCE**
27 **GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY;**

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

3 (i) into the Maryland Stadium Facilities Fund established under §
4 7-312 of the State Finance and Procurement Article from the money that remains in the
5 State Lottery Fund, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount
6 not to exceed \$20,000,000 in any fiscal year;

7 (vii) after June 30, 2021, to Anne Arundel County or Baltimore City
8 each fiscal year the amount required to be distributed under § 9-1A-31(a)(7)(ii) of this title
9 to be used as required under § 9-1A-31 of this title; [and]

10 (VIII) **AFTER JUNE 1, 2022, TO THE SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT**
11 **FACILITIES FINANCING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-657.5 OF THE ECONOMIC**
12 **DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE FROM THE MONEY THAT REMAINS IN THE STATE LOTTERY**
13 **FUND FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ALL LOTTERIES AFTER THE DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER**
14 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND ITEMS (I) THROUGH (VII) OF THIS**
15 **PARAGRAPH, AN AMOUNT ~~EQUAL TO~~ NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 TO BE PAID IN TWO**
16 **INSTALLMENTS NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1 AND JUNE 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR;**
17 ~~AND~~

18 (IX) AFTER JUNE 30, 2022, TO THE MAJOR SPORTS AND
19 ENTERTAINMENT EVENT PROGRAM FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-611.2 OF THE
20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE FROM THE MONEY THAT REMAINS IN THE
21 STATE LOTTERY FUND FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ALL LOTTERIES AFTER THE
22 DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND ITEMS (I) THROUGH
23 (VIII) OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

24 1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO
25 \$10,000,000; AND

26 2. FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE AMOUNT
27 NECESSARY TO RESTORE THE MAJOR SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENT
28 PROGRAM FUND TO A BALANCE OF \$10,000,000;

29 (X) IF A DEPOSIT OR PAYMENT IS MADE UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS
30 PARAGRAPH, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ~~50% OF~~ THE DEPOSIT OR PAYMENT, BUT NOT
31 EXCEEDING \$27,000,000, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR BUS
32 RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM GRANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-802 OF THE
33 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE FROM THE MONEY THAT REMAINS IN THE STATE
34 LOTTERY FUND FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ALL LOTTERIES AFTER THE
35 DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND ITEMS (I) THROUGH
36 (IX) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;

1 (XI) AFTER JUNE 30, 2023, INTO THE PRINCE GEORGE’S
 2 COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-657.6
 3 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE FROM THE MONEY THAT REMAINS IN
 4 THE STATE LOTTERY FUND FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ALL LOTTERIES AFTER THE
 5 DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND ITEMS (I) THROUGH
 6 (X) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,000,000 TO BE PAID IN
 7 TWO INSTALLMENTS NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1 AND JUNE 1 OF EACH FISCAL
 8 YEAR; AND

9 [(viii)] ~~(IX)~~ (XII) into the General Fund of the State the money that
 10 remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions
 11 under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through [(vi)] ~~(VIII)~~ (XI) of this paragraph.

12 Article – Tax – General

13 11-243.

14 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (2) (i) “Construction material” means an item of tangible personal
 16 property that is used to construct or renovate a building, a structure, or an improvement
 17 on land and that typically loses its separate identity as personal property once incorporated
 18 into the real property.

19 (ii) “Construction material” includes building materials, building
 20 systems equipment, landscaping materials, and supplies.

21 (3) “Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility” has the meaning
 22 stated in § 10-601 of the Economic Development Article.

23 (4) “PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITY”
 24 HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10-601 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 25 ARTICLE.

26 ~~(4)~~ (5) “SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING
 27 STATED IN § 10-601 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

28 (b) The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale of construction material if:

29 (1) the construction material is purchased by a person solely for use in
 30 furtherance of the provisions of Title 10, Subtitle 6 of the Economic Development Article
 31 for the construction or redevelopment of:

1 (I) the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events Facility that is
2 managed by the Maryland Stadium Authority; ~~OR~~

3 (II) ~~A SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY THAT IS MANAGED BY~~
4 ~~THE MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY; OR~~

5 (III) A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR
6 FACILITY;

7 (2) the sale is made on or after October 1, 2021; and

8 (3) the buyer provides the vendor with evidence of eligibility for the
9 exemption issued by the Comptroller.

10 (c) The Comptroller shall adopt regulations to implement this section.

11 Article – Transportation

12 2-802.

13 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
14 INDICATED.

15 (2) “BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM” MEANS A BUS LINE THAT
16 OPERATES ON AT LEAST SOME PORTION OF ROADWAY DEDICATED TO BUSES AND
17 OFFERS OFF-BOARD FARE COLLECTION IF A FARE IS CHARGED.

18 (3) “ELIGIBLE GRANTEE” MEANS A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL
19 CORPORATION THAT HAS:

20 (I) A BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT OPERATES IN THE
21 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; AND

22 (II) NO ONGOING OR COMPLETED FACILITY, AS THAT TERM IS
23 DEFINED IN § 10-601(S)(1), (4), OR (10) OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
24 ARTICLE.

25 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF A DEPOSIT
26 OR PAYMENT IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-120(B)(1)(I) OF THE STATE
27 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE INTO THE MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY FACILITIES
28 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-312 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT
29 ARTICLE, THEN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD A GRANT TO AN ELIGIBLE
30 GRANTEE EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER §
31 9-120(B)(1)(X) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

1 **(2) IF MORE THAN ONE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS AN**
2 **ELIGIBLE GRANTEE, THEN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE TOTAL**
3 **AMOUNT OF THE DEPOSIT OR PAYMENT UNDER § 9-120(B)(1)(X) OF THE STATE**
4 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE TO THE ELIGIBLE GRANTEES BASED ON EACH ELIGIBLE**
5 **GRANTEE'S PRO RATA SHARE OF THE STATEWIDE POPULATION.**

6 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT:**

7 **(1) SHALL DISTRIBUTE GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION TO ELIGIBLE**
8 **GRANTEES IN A TIMELY MANNER; AND**

9 **(2) MAY NOT IMPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS ON AN ELIGIBLE**
10 **GRANTEE ON RECEIPT OF A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION.**

11 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

12 **(a) The Maryland Stadium Authority shall provide two reports, on or before**
13 **September 30, 2022, and January 1, 2023, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State**
14 **Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House**
15 **Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee, on the progress of**
16 **the Pimlico and Laurel Park racing facility redevelopment plans under Chapter 590 of the**
17 **Acts of the General Assembly of 2020.**

18 **(b) Each report required under subsection (a) of this section shall:**

19 **(1) describe efforts by interested parties and the Maryland Stadium**
20 **Authority to reduce the overall project costs;**

21 **(2) report on the cost and schedule for the Laurel Park racing facility site**
22 **based on the programmatic desires of current ownership; and**

23 **(3) report on the cost and schedule for Laurel Park based on the**
24 **implementation of recommendations in subsection (f) of this section.**

25 **(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Stadium Authority**
26 **shall spend at least \$2,500,000 from the current balance in the Racing and Community**
27 **Development Facilities Fund established under § 10-657.3 of the Economic Development**
28 **Article, for professional services to complete the reports under subsection (a) of this section.**

29 **(d) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the following projects proceed on**
30 **or before September 1, 2022, using funds from the Racing and Community Development**
31 **Facilities Fund established under § 10-657.3 of the Economic Development Article:**

32 **(1) design, architecture, engineering, and permitting at the Pimlico site;**

1 (2) testing and evaluation of the existing racing surfaces at the Laurel Park
2 racing facility site, including geophysical borings as needed; and

3 (3) after considering the ongoing racing operations at the Pimlico racing
4 facility site during construction, and in consultation with the Pimlico racing licensee,
5 demolition of the Pimlico Old Grandstand on an expedited basis.

6 (e) (1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Economic
7 Development Corporation shall undertake all efforts necessary to evaluate the feasibility,
8 limitations, costs, and potential benefits related to the acquisition of the Laurel Park site
9 by a government or nonprofit entity to ensure the redevelopment and construction of
10 facilities at the Laurel Park racing facility site.

11 (2) The Maryland Economic Development Corporation shall, to the extent
12 necessary, consult with:

13 (i) the mile thoroughbred racing licensees;

14 (ii) the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association;

15 (iii) the Maryland Horse Breeders Association;

16 (iv) the Maryland Racing Commission;

17 (v) the Maryland Stadium Authority; and

18 (vi) any additional parties, as necessary.

19 (3) (i) The Maryland Economic Development Corporation shall enter
20 into discussions with the owner of the Laurel Park racing facility site to determine the
21 terms and conditions of a potential purchase or other transfer of all or a portion of the site
22 to a government entity or a nonprofit entity.

23 (ii) The Maryland Economic Development Corporation may contract
24 for one or more appraisals to make the determination under subparagraph (i) of this
25 paragraph.

26 (4) On or before September 1, 2022, the Maryland Economic Development
27 Corporation shall report, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to
28 the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the
29 House Ways and Means Committee on the progress of the efforts taken under this
30 subsection.

31 (f) On or before September 30, 2022, the mile thoroughbred licensees, the
32 Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, and the Maryland Horse Breeders
33 Association shall report, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to
34 the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the

1 House Ways and Means Committee on the status of the Maryland thoroughbred racing
2 operations, including models and recommendations regarding future and planning
3 operations of the Maryland thoroughbred racing industry.

4 SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 June 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.