

# SENATE BILL 579

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By: **Senator Corderman**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Government Tort Claims Act – Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and Events**  
3 **Facility, Inc.**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “local government” under the Local  
5 Government Tort Claims Act to include the Hagerstown Multi-Use Sports and  
6 Events Facility, Inc., in Washington County; and generally relating to the Local  
7 Government Tort Claims Act.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 5–301(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
15 Section 5–301(d)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

21 5–301.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (d) “Local government” means:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) A charter county as defined in § 1–101 of the Local Government Article;
- 2 (2) A code county as defined in § 1–101 of the Local Government Article;
- 3 (3) A board of county commissioners;
- 4 (4) Baltimore City;
- 5 (5) A municipality as defined in § 1–101 of the Local Government Article;
- 6 (6) The Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- 7 (7) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission;
- 8 (8) The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority;
- 9 (9) A community college or board of trustees for a community college  
10 established or operating under Title 16 of the Education Article, not including Baltimore  
11 City Community College;
- 12 (10) A county public library or board of trustees of a county public library  
13 established or operating under Title 23, Subtitle 4 of the Education Article;
- 14 (11) The Enoch Pratt Free Library or Board of Trustees of the Enoch Pratt  
15 Free Library;
- 16 (12) The Washington County Free Library or the Board of Trustees of the  
17 Washington County Free Library;
- 18 (13) A special taxing district;
- 19 (14) A nonprofit community service corporation incorporated under State  
20 law that is authorized to collect charges or assessments;
- 21 (15) Housing authorities created under Division II of the Housing and  
22 Community Development Article;
- 23 (16) A sanitary district, sanitary commission, metropolitan commission, or  
24 other sewer or water authority established or operating under public local law or public  
25 general law;
- 26 (17) A regional development council;
- 27 (18) The Howard County Economic Development Authority;
- 28 (19) The Howard County Mental Health Authority;

1 (20) A commercial district management authority established by a county  
2 or municipal corporation if provided under local law;

3 (21) The Baltimore City Police Department;

4 (22) A regional library resource center or a cooperative library corporation  
5 established under Title 23, Subtitle 2 of the Education Article;

6 (23) Lexington Market, Inc., in Baltimore City;

7 (24) The Baltimore Public Markets Corporation, in Baltimore City;

8 (25) A nonprofit corporation serving as the local public transportation  
9 authority for Carroll County pursuant to a contract or memorandum of understanding with  
10 Carroll County;

11 (26) The nonprofit corporation serving as the animal control and licensing  
12 authority for Carroll County pursuant to a contract or memorandum of understanding with  
13 Carroll County (the Humane Society of Carroll County, Inc.);

14 (27) Garrett County Municipalities, Inc., in Garrett County;

15 (28) The nonprofit corporation serving as the local public transportation  
16 authority for Garrett County pursuant to a contract or memorandum of understanding with  
17 Garrett County (Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.); [and]

18 (29) The nonprofit corporation serving as the industrial development  
19 authority of Carroll County established under Title 12, Subtitle 1 of the Economic  
20 Development Article; AND

21 **(30) THE HAGERSTOWN MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY,**  
22 **INC., IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2025.