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HB 225

Favorable with Amendments

The Washington Redskins are asking for a favorable recommendation of HB 225 with an amendment to add the FedEx Field property in Landover, Maryland as one of the locations in the legislation that would be entitled to a sports wagering license and online sports wagering license. Since the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) was struck down in 2018, sports betting has changed the landscape of sports and will continue to do so for years to come. Having the ability to provide sports betting at sports stadiums and arenas is an important amenity that will be increasingly critical to the fan experience, driving attendance. In fact, just last year Washington, DC approved sports betting at Capital One Arena, Audi Field, and Nationals Park and Illinois recently approved sports betting at venues including Soldier Field, Wrigley Field, and the United Center. Several other legislatures are contemplating similar provisions.

The Washington Redskins have been playing in Prince George's County, Maryland since 1997 and are very proud to call it home. We are similarly proud of our partnerships with Prince George's County Government and Prince George's County Public Schools. Our charitable foundation contributes over \$3.5 million annually in support of local charitable causes. Additionally, the Washington Redskins contribute over \$20 million annually in Maryland state and local taxes and are proud to be one of the largest taxpayers in Prince George's County.