

HOUSE BILL 1064

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By: **Delegates Conway and Mathias**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Convention Center – Bond Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of curing a previous Act of the General Assembly, erroneously
4 enacted as part of the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007, by
5 repealing and reenacting without amendments a provision of law to provide for
6 an increase in the total principal amount of bonds that may be issued by the
7 local governing body of a code county; and generally relating to the bonding
8 authority of code counties.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 25B – Home Rule for Code Counties
11 Section 13H(a) and (b)(1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 25B – Home Rule for Code Counties**

17 13H.

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

19 (2) “Food”, “premises”, and “substantial grocery or market business”
20 have the meanings stated in § 11–206 of the Tax – General Article.

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 (3) “Beverage” does not include an alcoholic beverage, as defined in §
2 5–101 of the Tax – General Article, if the alcoholic beverage is sold for consumption off
3 the premises.

4 (4) “Convention center facility” means a convention center of at least
5 150,000 net square feet, that is used for the holding of conventions, trade shows,
6 meetings, displays, entertainment shows, or similar events but does not have lodging
7 facilities.

8 (5) “Resort area” means any portion or portions of a county, as
9 specified by the county commissioners of the county, that:

10 (i) By reason of natural, scenic, or man–made attractions or
11 development, has or have an unusual influx of visitors, sojourners, and temporary
12 residents; and

13 (ii) By reason of the influx requires municipal services in
14 unusual number or magnitude.

15 (6) “Taxable price” has the meaning stated in § 11–101 of the
16 Tax – General Article.

17 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the county
18 commissioners of a code county, by public local law, may impose a tax on the sale of
19 food and beverages in a resort area in the county for the sole purpose of providing
20 revenues to pay the principal and interest on bonds issued relating to the construction,
21 reconstruction, repair, renovation, or equipping of a convention center facility in the
22 resort area. The total principal amount of the bonds issued by the local governing body
23 for this purpose may not exceed \$20,000,000.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.