

# CHAPTER 111

## (House Bill 1064)

AN ACT concerning

### **Convention Center – Bond Authority**

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

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

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

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

13H.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Food”, “premises”, and “substantial grocery or market business” have the meanings stated in § 11–206 of the Tax – General Article.
- (3) “Beverage” does not include an alcoholic beverage, as defined in § 5–101 of the Tax – General Article, if the alcoholic beverage is sold for consumption off the premises.
- (4) “Convention center facility” means a convention center of at least 150,000 net square feet, that is used for the holding of conventions, trade shows, meetings, displays, entertainment shows, or similar events but does not have lodging facilities.
- (5) “Resort area” means any portion or portions of a county, as specified by the county commissioners of the county, that:

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

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

(6) "Taxable price" has the meaning stated in § 11-101 of the Tax – General Article.

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.**