

*other areas where professional sports teams may practice or perform, offices, office buildings, parking lots and garages, access roads, hotels and motels, restaurants, stores, other commercial or business establishments, rail facilities, passenger depots, and other property or structures normally associated with such facilities.*

*(d) "Greater Baltimore Region" means the territorial limits of Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford Country and Howard County.*

*144. Creation and composition of Authority; appointment, etc. of members and officers; other provisions relating thereto.*

*(a) There is hereby created a body politic and corporate to be known as the "Maryland Sports Complex Authority." The Authority is an agency of the State of Maryland and part of the Executive Branch of the State Government; and the exercise by this Authority of the powers conferred by this subtitle shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential public function.*

*(b) The Authority shall consist of five VOTING members. One of the members shall be the Secretary of Economic and Community Development of the State of Maryland, ex officio. One of the members shall be the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development of Baltimore City, ex officio. One of the members shall be appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. Two of the members shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.*

*(c) The Governor shall from time to time designate one of the members of the Authority as Chairman.*

*(d) The Authority shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Governor and Mayor, an Executive Director. The executive director shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Authority and shall be custodian of all books, documents and papers filed with the Authority and of the minute book or journal of the Authority and of its official seal. He may cause copies to be made of all minutes and other records and documents of the Authority and may give certificates under the official seal of the Authority to the effect that such copies are true copies, and all persons dealing with the Authority may rely upon such certificates. The records and documents of the Authority shall be considered public records subject to reasonable inspection. The executive director shall, subject to the supervision and direction of the Authority, be the chief administrative officer of the Authority. The Authority may delegate to him such of its powers, duties and functions as it deems appropriate.*

*(e) Three members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of at least three members shall be necessary for any action taken by the Authority. No vacancy in the membership of the Authority shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Authority. Any action taken by the Authority may be authorized by resolution at any regular or special meeting, and each such resolution shall take effect immediately and need not be published or posted.*