

## CHAPTER 413

(House Bill 456)

AN ACT concerning

Special Advisory Commission on Professional Sports  
and the Economy

FOR the purpose of establishing a Special Advisory Commission on Professional Sports and the Economy; providing for the membership, terms, officers, meetings, compensation, and powers of the Commission; and generally relating to the establishment of a Special Advisory Commission on Professional Sports and the Economy.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative  
Departments  
Section 551 through 557, inclusive, to be under the new  
subtitle "54 Special Advisory Commission on  
Professional Sports and the Economy"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

## Preamble

WHEREAS, There are presently 7 professional sports franchises located in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Professional sports contribute millions of dollars to the economy of this State, significantly affecting property tax, income tax, and amusement and entertainment tax revenues, while also directly and indirectly benefiting many businesses located in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Some metropolitan areas have estimated the total economic effect of a single professional major league baseball team at as much as \$65 million annually; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, the effect of professional sports can be measured in billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Professional sports in Maryland also bring immeasurable pride and pleasure to their millions of fans and to all of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the State of Maryland to encourage the retention, expansion, and location of professional sports in this State; now, therefore,