

Chapter 527

(Senate Bill 1134)

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Allegany Regional Recreational Economic Development Authority – Established

FOR the purpose of establishing the Allegany Regional Recreational Economic Development Authority in Allegany County to support the development and construction of regional recreation facilities to benefit residents and the economic development of Allegany County; and generally relating to the Allegany Regional Recreational Economic Development Authority.

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development

Section 12–1101 through 12–1106 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11. Allegany Regional Recreational Economic Development Authority”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Economic Development

SUBTITLE 11. ALLEGANY REGIONAL RECREATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

12–1101.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, “AUTHORITY” MEANS THE ALLEGANY REGIONAL RECREATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

12–1102.

THERE IS AN ALLEGANY REGIONAL RECREATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN ALLEGANY COUNTY.

12–1103.

THE AUTHORITY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OR THE PRESIDENT’S DESIGNEE;

(2) THE PRESIDENT OF FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE PRESIDENT’S DESIGNEE;

(3) THE PRESIDENT OF ALLEGANY COLLEGE, OR THE PRESIDENT’S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE MAYOR OF CUMBERLAND, OR THE MAYOR’S DESIGNEE;

(5) THE MAYOR OF FROSTBURG, OR THE MAYOR’S DESIGNEE;

(6) THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, OR THE PRESIDENT’S DESIGNEE; AND

(7) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A RESIDENT OF ALLEGANY COUNTY DESIGNATED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT REPRESENT ALLEGANY COUNTY.

12-1104.

(A) THE AUTHORITY MAY MANAGE APPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM ALLEGANY COUNTY, THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS OF CUMBERLAND AND FROSTBURG, AND THE STATE.

(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY RECEIVE DONATED SERVICES FROM PROFESSIONALS AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE AUTHORITY MAY SUPERVISE, MANAGE, AND TERMINATE STAFF AND CONSULTANTS AS NECESSARY.

12-1105.

A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

12-1106.

(A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ALLEGANY COUNTY, INCLUDING:

- (1) ATHLETIC FIELDS;**
- (2) INDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES; AND**
- (3) OTHER FACILITIES DESIGNED TO CREATE RECREATIONAL TOURISM.**

(B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2025, AND EACH OCTOBER 31 THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2029, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.