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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish an Interstate Compact prohibiting a party state or a local jurisdiction from providing certain public incentives or financing for the construction or maintenance of facilities for a professional football team franchise in the Washington, D.C. area.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Washington Area Professional Football Team Franchise Facility Interstate Compact Establishment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) “Compact” means the Interstate Compact on Washington Area Professional Football Team Franchise Facilities.

(2) “Party” means the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, or the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(3) “Public incentives or financing” means:

(A) Tax incentives reducing the burden of state or local taxes, including subtraction modifications, credits, and exemptions from taxation;

36 (B) State or local grants, appropriations, authorizations, or expenditures,  
37 including the issuance of any state or locally supported debt or any conduit debt issued by a state  
38 or local authority;

39 (C) State or local-government issued loans; or

40 (D) Financial assistance for the construction of private infrastructure.

41 (4) “Washington Area Professional Football Team” means a professional football  
42 team:

43 (A) Franchised by the National Football League, Inc.;

44 (B) Located or proposed to be located in the District of Columbia, State of  
45 Maryland, or Commonwealth of Virginia; and

46 (C) That, before October 2, 2019, occupied as its home stadium the  
47 professional football facility located in Landover, Maryland.

48 Sec. 3. Interstate compact; establishment.

49 (a) There is established an Interstate Compact on Washington Area Professional Football  
50 Team Franchise Facilities incentives.

51 Sec. 4. Duties and limitations.

52 (a) After September 30, 2019, a party shall not:

53 (1) Provide or offer to provide public incentives or financing for the construction  
54 of facilities for a Washington Area Professional Football Team unless those public incentives or  
55 financing are otherwise available to all development projects or business entities located in the  
56 party’s boundaries or jurisdiction;

57 (2) Utilize public funds for the construction or maintenance of facilities for a  
58 Washington Area Professional Football Team;

59 (3) Utilize public funds for infrastructure improvements required by newly  
60 constructed facilities for a Washington Area Professional Football Team; or

61 (4) Lease or donate land to a Washington Area Professional Football Team or an  
62 entity affiliated with a Washington Area Professional Football Team.

63 (b) A party may withdraw from the Compact only after providing 365 days' notice to the  
64 other parties to the Compact.

65 (c) A party is not required to comply with this Compact if the party's Attorney General  
66 determines that another party has repealed, replaced, or failed to implement any aspect of this  
67 Compact.

68 Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

69 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
70 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
71 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

72 Sec. 6. Effective date.

73 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
74 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 60-day period of congressional review as  
75 provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
76 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of  
77 Columbia Register.

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