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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1192

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Committee: Revenue

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Convention Center Facility Financing
- 2 Assistance Act; to amend section 13-2603, Revised Statutes
- 3 Supplement, 2025; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original
- 4 section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 13-2603, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
2 amended to read:

3 13-2603 For purposes of the Convention Center Facility Financing
4 Assistance Act:

5 (1) Applicant means the political subdivision that applies for
6 assistance under the act;

7 (2) Associated hotel means any publicly or privately owned facility
8 in which the public may, for a consideration, obtain sleeping
9 accommodations and which is located, in whole or in part, within six
10 hundred yards of an eligible facility, measured from any point of the
11 exterior perimeter of the eligible facility but not from any parking
12 facility or other structure, except that if the eligible facility is
13 within six hundred yards of the State Capitol, the area used in
14 determining associated hotels shall be one or more contiguous or
15 noncontiguous areas within the territorial boundaries of the applicant
16 which are selected by the applicant and which aggregate the same total
17 amount of square footage that such area would have contained had the
18 eligible facility not been within six hundred yards of the State Capitol.
19 The area used in determining associated hotels shall be depicted on a map
20 submitted pursuant to section 13-2605;

21 (3) Board means a board consisting of the Governor, the State
22 Treasurer, the chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council, the
23 chairperson of the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy, and a
24 professor of economics on the faculty of a state postsecondary
25 educational institution appointed to a two-year term on the board by the
26 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. For administrative
27 and budget purposes only, the board shall be considered part of the
28 Department of Revenue;

29 (4) Bond means a general obligation bond, redevelopment bond, lease-
30 purchase bond, revenue bond, or combination of any such bonds;

31 (5) Convention and meeting center facility means a temperature-

1 controlled building and personal property primarily used as a convention
2 and meeting center, including an auditorium, an exhibition hall, a
3 facility for onsite food preparation and serving, an onsite, directly
4 connected parking facility for the use of the convention and meeting
5 center facility, a nearby parking facility for the use of the convention
6 and meeting center facility, and an onsite administrative office of the
7 convention and meeting center facility;

8 (6)(a) Eligible facility means any publicly owned convention and
9 meeting center facility approved for state assistance on or before June
10 1, 2007, any publicly owned sports arena facility attached to such
11 convention and meeting center facility, or any publicly owned convention
12 and meeting center facility or publicly owned sports arena facility
13 acquired, constructed, improved, or equipped after June 1, 2007; and

14 (b) Beginning with applications for financial assistance received on
15 or after February 1, 2008, eligible facility does not include any
16 publicly owned sports arena facility with a seating capacity of greater
17 than sixteen thousand seats unless such facility is located in a city of
18 the primary class;

19 (7) General obligation bond means any bond or refunding bond issued
20 by a political subdivision and which is payable exclusively from the
21 proceeds of an ad valorem tax;

22 (8) Maximum aggregate appropriation means (a) one hundred fifty
23 million dollars for any one approved project, but not more than the total
24 cost of acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, replacing,
25 financing, or equipping the eligible facilities of the political
26 subdivision, or (b) for an eligible facility located within six hundred
27 yards of the State Capitol, the total cost of acquiring, constructing,
28 improving, repairing, replacing, financing, and equipping such facility,
29 but only to the extent the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving,
30 repairing, replacing, and equipping such facility does not exceed one
31 hundred fifty million dollars;

1 (9) Nearby parking facility means any parking lot, parking garage,
2 or other parking structure that is not directly connected to a convention
3 and meeting center facility but which is located, in whole or in part,
4 within six hundred yards of a convention and meeting center facility,
5 measured from any point of the exterior perimeter of such facility but
6 not from any other parking facility or other structure;

7 (10) Nearby retailer means a retailer as defined in section
8 77-2701.32 that is located, in whole or in part, within six hundred yards
9 of an eligible facility the application for which is approved on or after
10 June 7, 2023, measured from any point of the exterior perimeter of the
11 eligible facility but not from any parking facility or other structure,
12 except that if the eligible facility is within six hundred yards of the
13 State Capitol, the area used in determining nearby retailers shall be one
14 or more contiguous or noncontiguous areas within the territorial
15 boundaries of the applicant which are selected by the applicant and which
16 aggregate the same total amount of square footage that such area would
17 have contained had the eligible facility not been within six hundred
18 yards of the State Capitol. The area used in determining nearby retailers
19 shall be depicted on a map submitted pursuant to section 13-2605;

20 (11) Political subdivision means any local governmental body formed
21 and organized under state law and any joint entity or joint public agency
22 created under state law to act on behalf of political subdivisions which
23 has statutory authority to issue general obligation bonds;

24 (12) Revenue bond means any bond or refunding bond issued by a
25 political subdivision which is limited or special rather than a general
26 obligation bond of the political subdivision and which is not payable
27 from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax; and

28 (13) Sports arena facility means any enclosed temperature-controlled
29 building primarily used for competitive sports, including arenas,
30 dressing and locker facilities, concession areas, parking facilities, and
31 onsite administrative offices connected with operating the facilities.

1 **Sec. 2.** Original section 13-2603, Revised Statutes Supplement,
2 2025, is repealed.