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H. R. 2176

To amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to authorize the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new stadium in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on the District of Columbia and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
5 Stadium Act of 1957 Amendments of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF A NEW STADIUM.**

7 The District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 (71
8 Stat. 619; D.C. Code sections 2–321 through 2–330) is

1 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
2 section:

3 “SEC. 12. (a)(1) The District of Columbia is author-
4 ized to use, for a period not to exceed 99 years from the
5 date of enactment of the District of Columbia Stadium
6 Act of 1957 Amendments of 1993, a portion of the lands
7 adjacent to the stadium constructed pursuant to section
8 2 (known as ‘Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium’), as
9 generally shown on the map identified as ‘Map to Des-
10 ignate Location of Stadiums and Lease of Parking Lots
11 to the District’, and further identified as National Park
12 Service Drawing No. 831/87306, for the purposes of con-
13 structing, maintaining, and operating, itself or through a
14 third party, either public or private, a new stadium, or
15 any replacement of a new stadium.

16 “(2) The use of the new stadium shall not be limited
17 by the seating capacity, cost, and other provisions in sec-
18 tion 2.

19 “(3) Nothing in section 7(b), or any lease or deed
20 executed pursuant thereto, or in this section, shall be con-
21 strued to limit the authority or ability of the District of
22 Columbia to sublease or otherwise encumber the said por-
23 tion to a third party, either public or private, for—

24 “(A) any use consistent with the use authorized
25 by this section; and

1 “(B) any term not exceeding that which is au-
2 thorized in this section.

3 “(b)(1)(A) Except for those lands used by the Dis-
4 trict of Columbia for the new stadium authorized by sub-
5 section (a), the use of the lands leased to the District of
6 Columbia for stadium and stadium parking lots purposes
7 pursuant to section 7(b) shall continue in accord with the
8 provisions of that section subject to the provisions of sub-
9 paragraphs (B) and (C).

10 “(B) The term of the authorized use of the lands
11 leased to the District of Columbia for stadium and sta-
12 dium parking lots is extended for a period not to exceed
13 99 years from the date of enactment of the District of
14 Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 Amendments of 1993.

15 “(C) Nothing in section 7(b), or any lease or deed
16 executed pursuant thereto, or in this section, shall be con-
17 strued to limit the authority or ability of the District of
18 Columbia to sublease or otherwise encumber the lands to
19 a third party, either public or private, for—

20 “(i) any use consistent with the use authorized
21 by section 7(b) and this section: and

22 “(ii) any term not exceeding that which is au-
23 thorized in this section.

24 “(2) The responsibility and authority for construc-
25 tion, maintenance, and operation of the parking lots on

1 the lands leased to the District of Columbia for parking
2 lots purposes is vested exclusively in the District of Colum-
3 bia. Such responsibility and authority for the parking lots
4 may be assigned by the District of Columbia to a third
5 party under any sublease executed pursuant to the author-
6 ity provided in this section. The National Park Service
7 shall not be responsible for construction, maintenance, or
8 operation of the parking lots, or any cost arising there-
9 from.

10 “(c)(1)(A) Except for the lands described in subpara-
11 graph (B), the lands designated as ‘Area F’ on the map
12 entitled ‘Map to designate Location of Stadiums and
13 Lease of Parking Lots to the District’, and further identi-
14 fied as National Park Service Drawing No. 831/87306
15 (hereinafter referred to as ‘Area F’), are leased to the Dis-
16 trict of Columbia. Such lands may be used by the District
17 of Columbia, or any sublessee of the District of Columbia,
18 for the stadium parking lots purposes specified in section
19 7(b), during the term of use of stadium parking lots au-
20 thorized by subsection (b)(1) of this section, only for ‘over-
21 flow’ parking, that is not to exceed 2,000 automobiles, and
22 only when all other stadium striped parking spaces are
23 filled to capacity.

24 “(B) The area described in subparagraph (A) ex-
25 cludes that area of land used by the District of Columbia

1 for the new stadium authorized by subsection (a) of this
2 section.

3 “(2) The use of Area F shall be in accord with the
4 terms and conditions specified in an agreement between
5 the National Park Service and the District of Columbia.
6 The terms and conditions specified in such agreement
7 shall be reasonable and necessary to ensure that Area F
8 is maintained as grassed park land suitable for public rec-
9 reational uses.

10 “(3) The National Park Service shall not be respon-
11 sible for improvement, maintenance, or operation of Area
12 F, or any costs arising therefrom.

13 “(d) The responsibility and authority for construc-
14 tion, maintenance, naming, and operation of the new sta-
15 dium authorized by subsection (a) of this section is vested
16 exclusively in the District of Columbia. Such responsibility
17 and authority for the new stadium may be assigned by
18 the District of Columbia to a third party, either public
19 or private. The National Park Service shall not be respon-
20 sible for construction, maintenance, naming, or operation
21 of the new stadium, or any costs arising therefrom.

22 “(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act enti-
23 tled ‘An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the Dis-
24 trict of Columbia’, approved June 1, 1910 (36 Stat. 452;

1 D.C. Code 5–401 through 5–409), a stadium authorized
2 by subsection (a) may be constructed if—

3 “(1) the design has been reviewed by the Com-
4 mission of Fine Arts; and

5 “(2) reviewed and approved by the National
6 Capital Planning Commission.”.

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