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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 285**

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Sports Arena Facility Financing
- 2 Assistance Act; to amend section 13-3102, Reissue Revised Statutes
- 3 of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 13-3102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 13-3102 For purposes of the Sports Arena Facility Financing  
4 Assistance Act:

5 (1) Board means a board consisting of the Governor, the State  
6 Treasurer, the chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council, the  
7 chairperson of the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy, and a  
8 professor of economics on the faculty of a state postsecondary  
9 educational institution appointed to a two-year term on the board by the  
10 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. For administrative  
11 and budget purposes only, the board shall be considered part of the  
12 Department of Revenue;

13 (2) Bond means a general obligation bond, redevelopment bond, lease-  
14 purchase bond, revenue bond, or combination of any such bonds;

15 (3) Eligible sports arena facility means:

16 (a) Any publicly owned, enclosed, and temperature-controlled  
17 building primarily used for sports that has a permanent seating capacity  
18 of at least three thousand but no more than seven thousand seats and in  
19 which initial occupancy occurs on or after July 1, 2010. Eligible sports  
20 arena facility includes stadiums, arenas, dressing and locker facilities,  
21 concession areas, parking facilities, and onsite administrative offices  
22 connected with operating the facilities; and

23 (b) Any racetrack enclosure licensed by the State Racing Commission  
24 in which initial occupancy occurs on or after July 1, 2010, including  
25 concession areas, parking facilities, and onsite administrative offices  
26 connected with operating the racetrack;

27 (4) General obligation bond means any bond or refunding bond issued  
28 by a political subdivision and which is payable from the proceeds of an  
29 ad valorem tax;

30 (5) Increase in state sales tax revenue means the amount of state  
31 sales tax revenue collected by a nearby retailer during the fiscal year

1 for which state assistance is calculated minus the amount of state sales  
2 tax revenue collected by the nearby retailer in the fiscal year that  
3 ended immediately preceding the date of occupancy of the eligible sports  
4 arena facility, except that the amount of state sales tax revenue of a  
5 nearby retailer shall not be less than zero;

6 (6) Nearby retailer means a retailer as defined in section  
7 77-2701.32 that is located within six hundred yards of an eligible sports  
8 arena facility, measured from the facility but not from any parking  
9 facility or other structure. The term includes a subsequent owner of a  
10 nearby retailer operating at the same location;

11 (7) New state sales tax revenue means:

12 (a) For nearby retailers that commenced collecting state sales tax  
13 during the period of time beginning twenty-four months prior to occupancy  
14 of the eligible sports arena facility and ending one hundred twenty  
15 ~~twenty-four~~ months after the occupancy of the eligible sports arena  
16 facility, one hundred percent of the state sales tax revenue collected by  
17 the nearby retailer and sourced under sections 77-2703.01 to 77-2703.04  
18 to a location within six hundred yards of the eligible sports arena  
19 facility; and

20 (b) For nearby retailers that commenced collecting state sales tax  
21 prior to twenty-four months prior to occupancy of the eligible sports  
22 arena facility, the increase in state sales tax revenue collected by the  
23 nearby retailer and sourced under sections 77-2703.01 to 77-2703.04 to a  
24 location within six hundred yards of the facility;

25 (8) Political subdivision means any city, village, or county; and

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

30 Sec. 2. Original section 13-3102, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
31 Nebraska, is repealed.