

HOUSE BILL 991

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By: **Delegate Anderson (By Request - Baltimore City Administration) and Delegates Glenn, Kirk, Krysiak, McHale, and Stukes**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Hotel Room Tax - Convention Center Promotion**

3 FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date provisions requiring that for certain
4 fiscal years certain amounts measured by proceeds from a hotel room tax
5 imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated for certain purposes; requiring that
6 the required appropriation be made to a certain association; repealing certain
7 obsolete language; and generally relating to hotel room taxes and convention
8 center marketing and tourism promotion in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 The Charter of Baltimore City
11 Article II - General Powers
12 Section (40)(e)
13 (2006 Edition)

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

16 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article II – General Powers

2 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to
3 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of
4 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and
5 in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or
6 such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of
7 said Constitution and Public General Laws:

8 (40)

9 (e) [(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, for any fiscal year
10 beginning before July 1, 2002, the rate of any hotel room tax imposed by the Mayor
11 and City Council of Baltimore may not exceed 7.5%.]

12 [(2)] (1) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 1997 but
13 before [July 1, 2007,] **JULY 1, 2012**, the Mayor and City Council shall appropriate
14 from its General Fund **TO THE BALTIMORE AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS**
15 **ASSOCIATION** specifically for Convention Center marketing and tourism promotion
16 an amount equal to at least 40% of the proceeds of any hotel room tax imposed.

17 [(3)] (2) If the appropriation made for any fiscal year pursuant to
18 paragraph [(2)] (1) of this subsection is less than the amount required when compared
19 to actual receipts for the completed fiscal year, the difference shall be added to the
20 appropriation to be made for the second succeeding fiscal year. If the appropriation
21 made for any fiscal year pursuant to paragraph [(2)] (1) of this subsection is more
22 than the amount required when compared to actual receipts for the completed fiscal
23 year, the difference may be deleted from the appropriation to be made for the second
24 succeeding fiscal year.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 June 1, 2007.