

BY: Senators Bromwell and Hoffman

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1394

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Washington County - Hotel Tax” and substitute “Local Subdivisions - Revenues”; in the same line, strike “Civil War”; in line 4, after “year;” insert “limiting the rate of the hotel tax that may be imposed by Baltimore City for a certain fiscal year;”; strike beginning with the second “the” in line 4 down through “Act” in line 5 and substitute “certain hotel tax revenue in Washington County to be used for certain purposes; authorizing Baltimore City to use certain highway user revenues for certain purposes; requiring Baltimore City to use certain highway user revenues for certain purposes;”; in line 10, after “use” insert “by certain local subdivisions”; in line 11, strike “a part of the hotel tax revenue collected in Washington County” and substitute “certain revenues”; in lines 11 and 12, strike “Civil War”; and after line 17, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 8-408(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

The Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Revision

Article II - General Powers

Section (40)(a)

(1993 Replacement Volume and September 1995 Supplement, as amended)

BY adding to

The Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Revision

Article II - General Powers

Section (40)(e)

(Over)

(1993 Replacement Volume and September 1995 Supplement, as amended)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 24, insert:

"Article - Transportation

8-408.

(D) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997 ONLY, OF THE HIGHWAY USER REVENUES DISTRIBUTED TO BALTIMORE CITY:

(1) UP TO \$5,000,000 MAY BE USED TO PAY OR FINANCE THE COSTS OF CONVENTION CENTER MARKETING AND CONVENTION CENTER DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS; AND

(2) OF THE \$5,000,000, AT LEAST \$3,000,000 SHALL BE APPROPRIATED SPECIFICALLY FOR CONVENTION CENTER MARKETING.

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II - General Powers

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

(40)

(a) To have and exercise, within the limits of Baltimore City, in addition to any and all taxing powers heretofore granted by the General Assembly of Maryland to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the power to tax to the same extent as the State of Maryland has or could exercise said power within the limits of Baltimore City as a part of its general taxing power; and to provide by ordinance for the imposition, assessment, levy and collection of any tax or taxes

authorized by this subsection; and from time to time to grant exemptions and to modify or repeal existing or future exemptions, provided, however, that any tax on distilled spirits shall not exceed \$.50 per wine gallon of 100 proof or less and any tax on alcoholic beverages imposed under the authority of this section shall expire as of December 31, 1955, but nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the collection of taxes imposed on alcoholic beverages after said date if said taxes are due and payable on or before December 31, 1955.

(E) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997, THE RATE OF ANY HOTEL ROOM TAX IMPOSED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE MAY NOT EXCEED 7.5%.”.