

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 262 (Delegate McIntosh, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Select Committee #11

Baltimore City - Community Benefits Districts - Continuation of Authority

This enrolled bill extends the sunset date on Baltimore City's authority to establish community benefit districts from May 31, 1997 to May 31, 2000. Beginning with the 2000 session and every four years thereafter, the General Assembly shall review and determine the desirability of continuing the existence of each district. If not approved, the district shall cease to exist at the end of the city's fiscal year in which approval was denied. Such a district shall continue its existence until it terminates its operations and disposes of any funds. The bill is effective June 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Extending the sunset date on the city's authority to create community benefit districts would not directly affect the city's finances.

Small Business Effect: To the extent that Baltimore City utilizes the authority to create additional community benefit districts, small businesses in these districts could be minimally impacted as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: Baltimore City advises that it has established two community benefit districts to date. Under current law, the city may create up to six community benefit districts. Under the bill, the city may create up to four additional districts until May 31, 2001. If the city exercises this authority, small businesses in the newly created

community benefit districts could be impacted depending upon the scope of the district's services, especially its efforts in promoting the district.

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