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and Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2000  
Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Community Benefits District - Elimination of Sunset Date**  
3 **and State's Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law  
5 relating to the authority to establish community benefits districts in Baltimore  
6 City; eliminating the State's authority to review and determine the desirability  
7 of continuing certain community benefits districts; and generally relating to  
8 community benefits districts in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 The Charter of Baltimore City  
11 Article II - General Powers  
12 Section (63)(a)(1)  
13 (1996 Edition, as amended)  
14 (As enacted by Chapter 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as  
15 amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

16 BY repealing  
17 The Charter of Baltimore City  
18 Article II - General Powers  
19 Section (63)(h)  
20 (1996 Edition, as amended)  
21 (As enacted by Chapter 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as  
22 amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Chapter 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as amended by  
25 Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997  
26 Section 3

27 BY renumbering  
28 The Charter of Baltimore City

1 Article II - General Powers  
2 Section (63)(i), (j), and (k), respectively  
3 to be Section (63)(h), (i), and (j), respectively  
4 (1996 Edition, as amended)  
5 (As enacted by Chapter 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as  
6 amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

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

9 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

10 Article II - General Powers

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

17 (63) (a) (1) To establish, by ordinance, not more than six community  
18 benefits district management authorities, including the Charles Village Community  
19 Benefits District AND MIDTOWN BENEFITS DISTRICT, within the City to provide  
20 services consistent with paragraph (2) of this subsection to the business interests and  
21 residents of the proposed district.

22 [(h) (1) The General Assembly shall review and determine the  
23 desirability of continuing the existence of each community benefits district  
24 established under this section every 4 years beginning with the regular legislative  
25 session of 2000.

26 (2) If the continuing existence of a community benefits district is  
27 not approved:

28 (i) The district shall cease to exist at the end of the city's  
29 fiscal year in which approval was not granted; and

30 (ii) The District Management Authority shall continue its  
31 existence only as long as necessary to terminate operations in a reasonable manner  
32 and to arrange for the disposition of all funds not needed to satisfy outstanding  
33 obligations and reserves for uncertain obligations and liabilities.]

34 **Chapter 732 of the Acts of 1994, as amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of**  
35 **1997**

36 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
37 June 1, 1994. [It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of May

1 31, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) (63)(i), (j), and  
4 (k), respectively, of Article II of the Charter of Baltimore City be renumbered to be  
5 Section(s) (63)(h), (i), and (j), respectively.

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 June 1, 2000.