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By: **Senators Hughes, Mitchell, and Hoffman**  
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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Community Benefits District - City Council's Authority to**  
3 **Review**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the City Council of Baltimore City to review and  
5 determine the desirability of continuing certain community benefits districts;  
6 altering provisions of law establishing certain community benefits districts  
7 management authorities to include the Midtown Community benefits district;  
8 repealing the State's authority to review certain community benefits districts;  
9 repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to the  
10 authority to establish community benefits districts in Baltimore City; and  
11 generally relating to community benefits districts in Baltimore City.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 The Charter of Baltimore City  
14 Article II - General Powers  
15 Section (63)(a)(1) and (h)  
16 (1996 Edition, as amended)  
17 (As enacted by Chapter 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as  
18 amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

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20 Chapter 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as amended by  
21 Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997  
22 Section 3

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

25 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

26 Article II - General Powers

27 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to  
28 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of

1 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland;  
2 and in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by  
3 ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the  
4 provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws:

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

10 (h) (1) The [General Assembly] CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY  
11 shall review and determine the desirability of continuing the existence of each  
12 community benefits district established under this section every 4 years beginning  
13 with the [regular legislative session] FIRST MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN  
14 DECEMBER of 2000.

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

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

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

23 **Chapter 732 of the Acts of 1994, as amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of**  
24 **1997**

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 June 1, 1994. [It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of May  
27 31, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 June 1, 2000.