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By: **Senators Hughes, Mitchell, and Hoffman**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Community Benefits District – City Council's Authority to**  
3 **Review Districts - Review by Mayor and City Council**

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 altering certain provisions of law concerning the authority of the Mayor and  
10 City Council of Baltimore to establish certain community benefits district  
11 management authorities to include a certain community benefits district;  
12 repealing the authority of the General Assembly to review and determine the  
13 desirability of continuing certain community benefits districts under certain  
14 circumstances; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to review and determine  
15 the desirability of continuing certain community benefits districts under certain  
16 circumstances; repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law  
17 relating to the authority of the Mayor and City Council to establish community  
18 benefits districts ~~in Baltimore City~~; and generally relating to community  
19 benefits districts in Baltimore City.

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
21 The Charter of Baltimore City  
22 Article II - General Powers  
23 Section (63)(a)(1) and (h)  
24 (1996 Edition, as amended)  
25 (As enacted by Chapter 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as

1 amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 3 Chapter 732 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as amended by  
 4 Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997  
 5 Section 3

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

8 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

9 Article II - General Powers

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

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

21 (h) (1) The [General Assembly] MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
 22 BALTIMORE CITY shall review and determine the desirability of continuing the  
 23 existence of each community benefits district established under this section every 4  
 24 years ~~beginning with the [regular legislative session] FIRST MEETING OF THE CITY~~  
 25 ~~COUNCIL IN DECEMBER of 2000;~~

26 (I) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
 27 AND CITY COUNCIL IN DECEMBER, 2002 FOR THE CHARLES VILLAGE COMMUNITY  
 28 BENEFITS DISTRICT;

29 (II) BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
 30 AND CITY COUNCIL IN DECEMBER, 2003 FOR THE MIDTOWN COMMUNITY BENEFITS  
 31 DISTRICT; AND

32 (III) BEGINNING 4 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE  
 33 ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY OTHER COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISTRICT CREATED UNDER  
 34 THIS SECTION.

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

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

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

7 **Chapter 732 of the Acts of 1994, as amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of**  
8 **1997**

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 June 1, 1994. [It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and, at the end of May  
11 31, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
12 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

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