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By: **Senator McFadden (Baltimore City Administration) and Senators  
Blount, Bromwell, Hoffman, Hughes, Kelley, and Mitchell**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Hotel Room Tax - Convention Center Promotion**

3 FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date provisions requiring that for certain  
4 fiscal years certain amounts measured by proceeds from a hotel room tax  
5 imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated for certain purposes; and generally  
6 relating to hotel room taxes and convention center marketing and tourism  
7 promotion in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 The Charter of Baltimore City  
10 Article II - General Powers  
11 Section (40)(e)  
12 (1996 Edition, as amended)  
13 (As enacted by Chapters 611 and 612 of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
14 1997)

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

17 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

18 Article II - General Powers

19 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to  
20 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of  
21 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland;

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

4 (40) (e) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, for any fiscal  
5 year beginning before July 1, 2002, the rate of any hotel room tax imposed by the  
6 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may not exceed 7.5%.

7 (2) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 1997 but before  
8 [July 1, 2002,] JULY 1, 2007, the Mayor and City Council shall appropriate from its  
9 general fund specifically for convention center marketing and tourism promotion an  
10 amount equal to at least 40% of the proceeds of any hotel room tax imposed.

11 (3) If the appropriation made for any fiscal year pursuant to paragraph  
12 (2) of this subsection is less than the amount required when compared to actual  
13 receipts for the completed fiscal year, the difference shall be added to the  
14 appropriation to be made for the second succeeding fiscal year. If the appropriation  
15 made for any fiscal year pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection is more than the  
16 amount required when compared to actual receipts for the completed fiscal year, the  
17 difference may be deleted from the appropriation to be made for the second  
18 succeeding fiscal year.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 July 1, 2001.