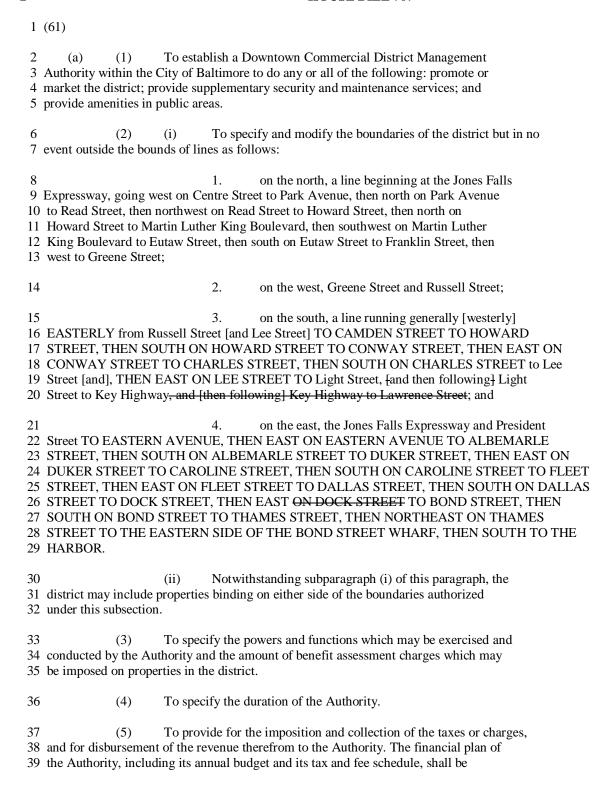
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	CHAPTER
1 4	AN ACT concerning
2	Baltimore City - Downtown Commercial District - Boundaries
3 I 4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of altering certain boundary restrictions for a Downtown Commercial District Management Authority within the City of Baltimore; providing that certain condominium buildings within the district may be taxed; and generally relating to a Downtown Commercial District Management Authority within the City of Baltimore.
8 I 9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, The Charter of Baltimore City Article II - General Powers Section (61)(a) and (b) (1996 Edition and 2000 Supplement, as amended)
13 14	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
15	The Charter of Baltimore City
16	Article II - General Powers
19 20 21	The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws:



2 paragraph may not exceed those proposed by the Authority. 3 To determine the organization and method of initial appointment of 4 board members of the Authority, the majority of the members of the board shall be 5 owners or representatives of owners of properties in the district that are subject to 6 taxes or charges under this section. 7 <del>(b)</del> As provided by ordinance, the Authority may have the power: 8 to be a special tax district or special benefits assessment district and 9 to conduct the functions which are assigned to it by the City. 10 (2)to acquire, hold and use property necessary to achieve its purposes. 11 (3)to make contracts; to sue and be sued. 12 <del>(4)</del> to accept grants. to borrow for purposes consistent with the public purposes of the 13 (5)14 Authority. 15 (6)to propose in its annual budget the taxes or charges on properties 16 within the district. [No] EXCEPT FOR CONDOMINIUM BUILDINGS WITH FOUR OR 17 MORE RESIDENTIAL UNITS, NO such amounts shall be levied against residential 18 property with fewer than four dwelling units. Property which is exempt under State 19 law from ordinary property taxes shall be exempt from assessments by the district. 20 Before adopting its proposed budget and before making its recommendation to the 21 City, the Authority shall hold a public hearing on taxes or charges proposed for the 22 district. The Authority shall publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general 23 circulation in Baltimore City at least once a week for three consecutive weeks before 24 the hearing. 25 <del>(7)</del> to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its powers. (8)to adopt, amend and modify by laws, all of which shall be subject to 26 the approval of the Board of Estimates. 27 <del>(9)</del> 28 to establish and elect officers and provide for their terms and duties. 29 to contract for and purchase goods and services, not subject to the 30 City requirements regarding wage scales, competitive bidding or other local 31 procurement laws; however the Authority shall be subject to City ordinances and City 32 policy requiring achievement of goals regarding minority and women's business 33 enterprises. SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 34 35 July 1, 2003.

1 subject to approval by the Board of Estimates. Taxes and charges imposed under this