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House Bill 1152

(Delegates McIntosh and Marriott)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Baltimore City - Community Benefits Districts - Charles Village Community
Benefits District, Management Authority - Continued Authority**

This bill amends the Baltimore City charter to specify that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City must review and determine the desirability of continuing the existence of the Charles Village Community Benefits District, Management Authority every four years beginning in December 2001 instead of December 2002.

The bill also declares that the intent of the General Assembly is to affirm that the Charles Village Community Benefits District, Management Authority has been in continuous effect since 1994 and will remain in effect unless the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore expressly terminate the continuing existence of the benefits district or allow it to expire. The bill also provides that: (1) acts of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City relating to the continued and continuous existence of community benefits districts, including the Charles Village Community Benefits District, are ratified and confirmed; (2) the bill must apply retroactively, as of December 1, 2001, and must be applied to and interpreted to affect the authority conferred on the Mayor and City Council to continue community benefits districts or allow them to expire, including the Charles Village Community Benefits District, Management Authority; and (3) the bill may not be construed to impact the four-year review required by the general powers granted by the Baltimore City Charter.

The bill is effective July 1, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City finances would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City must review and determine the desirability of continuing the existence of the Charles Village Community Benefits District, Management Authority every four years beginning in December 2002.

The Charles Village Community Benefits District was established by Chapter 732 of 1994 with an effective date of June 1, 1994 and an original termination date of May 31, 1997. Chapter 655 of 1997 extended the termination date until May 31, 2000; however, the termination date was subsequently repealed by Chapter 89 of 2000.

Background: The Charles Village Community Benefits District is a 100-block special taxing district in Baltimore City that receives privately provided security and sanitation services. The district is comprised of the Abell, Charles Village, Harwood, and Old Goucher neighborhoods. Property owners in the district pay a tax surcharge of 12 cents per \$100 of assessed value to pay for the additional security and sanitation services. Approximately 14,000 residents and 700 local businesses are in the district.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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