
By: **Chairman, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental -
Transportation)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Port Land Use Development Zone Advisory Council -**
3 **Abolishment**

4 FOR the purpose of abolishing the Port Land Use Development Zone Advisory
5 Council; abolishing the Port Land Use Development Office in the Maryland Port
6 Administration of the Department of Transportation; repealing certain
7 provisions relating to the Advisory Council's functions, duties, and
8 responsibilities; and generally relating to the Port Land Use Development Zone
9 Advisory Council and the Port Land Use Development Office.

10 BY repealing

11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 6-501 through 6-504, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 5. Port Land
13 Use Development"
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 [Subtitle 5. Port Land Use Development.]

20 [6-501.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (b) "Advisory Council" means the Port Land Use Development Zone Advisory
23 Council.

24 (c) "Brownfields sites" means:

1 (1) Eligible property as defined in § 7-501(g) of the Environment Article;
2 and

3 (2) Property where there is a release, discharge, or threatened release of
4 oil, as defined in § 4-401 of the Environment Article.

5 (d) "Land assemblage" means the compilation of vacant or underutilized
6 property within the Port Land Use Development Zone to create more viable property
7 for specific redevelopment projects.

8 (e) "Zone" means the Port Land Use Development Zone which consists of
9 residentially, commercially, or industrially zoned property within the immediate
10 influence of Port activity. This includes land directly on the Baltimore Harbor or
11 serving the Port of Baltimore, and all public and private properties within 3,000 feet
12 surrounding the Port's waterfront, and extends from Brandon Shores in Anne
13 Arundel County around the waterfront to Middle River in Baltimore County.]

14 [6-502.

15 (a) There is an Advisory Council for Port Land Use Development.

16 (b) The Advisory Council is composed of the following:

17 (1) Six ex officio members, to include:

18 (i) The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation or
19 the Secretary's designee, who shall be the chairperson of the Advisory Council;

20 (ii) The Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic
21 Development or the Secretary's designee;

22 (iii) The Secretary of the Department of Planning or the Secretary's
23 designee;

24 (iv) The Mayor of Baltimore City or the Mayor's designee;

25 (v) The County Executive of Baltimore County or the Executive's
26 designee; and

27 (vi) The County Executive of Anne Arundel County or the
28 Executive's designee.

29 (2) Five members appointed by the Governor as follows:

30 (i) One member to represent a maritime-related business with
31 facilities in the Zone;

32 (ii) One member to represent the environmental community;

33 (iii) One member to represent a residential community located
34 within or contiguous to the Zone;

1 (iv) One member to represent the development community or
2 investment community; and

3 (v) One member to represent the general public.

4 (c) Each appointed member serves for a term of 2 years and until a successor
5 is appointed.

6 (d) Members of the Advisory Council appointed by the Governor are not
7 entitled to compensation.]

8 [6-503.

9 (a) There is a Port Land Use Development Office in the Maryland Port
10 Administration of the Department. The Office is responsible for the coordination of a
11 Port Land Use Development Zone as defined in § 6-501(e) of this subtitle.

12 (b) The Office shall coordinate and support the activities of the Advisory
13 Council and establish a collaborative effort to vigorously market Port Land Use
14 Development Zone properties for port-related or port-compatible uses.

15 (c) The Office may be augmented by staff support of the State agencies and
16 local jurisdictions involved.]

17 [6-504.

18 (a) The Advisory Council, with the assistance of the Port Land Use
19 Development Office, shall coordinate efforts among existing programs within the
20 State and local governments to invigorate land development in and around the Port of
21 Baltimore. In carrying out this duty, the Advisory Council shall:

22 (1) Complete, maintain, and disseminate an inventory of vacant or
23 underutilized property within the Zone that is not needed by the Maryland Port
24 Administration for its own future use, and is therefore available for redevelopment;

25 (2) Coordinate the development of a master plan for the Zone, which
26 shall consider:

27 (i) Expectations, plans, and programs of local jurisdictions related
28 to the Zone and port land redevelopment efforts;

29 (ii) Expectations, plans, and programs of State agencies related to
30 the Zone and port land redevelopment efforts; and

31 (iii) Expectations, plans, and concerns of business, residential, and
32 environmental communities related to the Zone and port land redevelopment efforts;

33 (3) Recommend to the Governor any appropriate actions that may lead to
34 the development and reuse of brownfields sites within the Zone, to include the use of
35 any available federal, State, local, or private sector funds for brownfields sites
36 activities;

1 (4) Facilitate access to available financial incentives and explore
2 innovative financing programs for existing as well as new businesses interested in
3 furthering the redevelopment of available Zone properties;

4 (5) Recommend to the Governor any appropriate use of tax incentives
5 and enterprise and foreign trade zones necessary to attract businesses to sites in the
6 Zone;

7 (6) Work with and coordinate the efforts of State and local authorities in
8 land assemblage activities designed to return to productive use vacant or
9 underutilized public and private properties which will facilitate economic
10 development and land redevelopment efforts in the Zone;

11 (7) Establish any subcommittees necessary to carry out the duties of the
12 advisory committee; and

13 (8) Provide such other assistance as may be required to further the
14 purpose of this subtitle.

15 (b) The Port Land Use Development Zone Advisory Council shall make an
16 initial report to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 1999, on its
17 recommendations for programs and activities that will further enhance development
18 in the Zone. Thereafter, by December 31 of each year the Advisory Council shall
19 submit an annual report of its activities during that calendar year, together with any
20 recommendations it desires to propose, to the Governor and the General Assembly.]

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2005.