

SENATE BILL 407

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By: **Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

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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; requiring that
6 the required appropriation be made to a certain association; repealing certain
7 obsolete language; and generally relating to hotel room taxes and convention
8 center marketing and tourism promotion in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 The Charter of Baltimore City
11 Article II – General Powers
12 Section (40)(e)
13 (2006 Edition)

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

16 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

17 Article II – General Powers

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

7 (40)

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

11 [(2)] (1) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 1997 but
12 before [July 1, 2007,] **JULY 1, 2012**, the Mayor and City Council shall appropriate
13 from its General Fund **TO THE BALTIMORE AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS**
14 **ASSOCIATION** specifically for Convention Center marketing and tourism promotion
15 an amount equal to at least 40% of the proceeds of any hotel room tax imposed.

16 [(3)] (2) If the appropriation made for any fiscal year pursuant to
17 paragraph [(2)] (1) of this subsection is less than the amount required when compared
18 to actual receipts for the completed fiscal year, the difference shall be added to the
19 appropriation to be made for the second succeeding fiscal year. If the appropriation
20 made for any fiscal year pursuant to paragraph [(2)] (1) of this subsection is more
21 than the amount required when compared to actual receipts for the completed fiscal
22 year, the difference may be deleted from the appropriation to be made for the second
23 succeeding fiscal year.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 June 1, 2007.