

# HOUSE BILL 94

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 347

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By: **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~**Baltimore City**~~ **Foreign Trade Zones – Application and Process**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons to apply for designation approval to a  
4 certain foreign trade zone grantee before applying to another grantee for  
5 designation approval; authorizing Baltimore City to apply for establishing,  
6 maintaining, and operating foreign trade zones in the Baltimore port of entry  
7 and in the State of Maryland within a radius of a certain number of miles  
8 beyond the port of entry limits, and to maintain and operate the foreign trade  
9 zones; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the  
10 ~~Baltimore Foreign Trade Zone~~ foreign trade zones.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Economic Development  
13 Section 5–804  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2008 Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 The Charter of Baltimore City  
18 Article II – General Powers  
19 Section (9)  
20 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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

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### 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 Article – Economic Development2 5-804.

3 A PERSON THAT WISHES TO HAVE A SITE IN THE STATE DESIGNATED AS A  
4 FOREIGN TRADE ZONE SHALL APPLY FOR DESIGNATION APPROVAL TO THE  
5 FOREIGN TRADE ZONE GRANTEE IN THE STATE THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE SITE  
6 BEFORE APPLYING TO ANOTHER FOREIGN TRADE ZONE GRANTEE IN THE STATE  
7 FOR DESIGNATION APPROVAL.

8 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

## 9 Article II – General Powers

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

16 (9)

17 To make application for establishing, maintaining and operating foreign trade  
18 zones in the [Baltimore Harbor] **BALTIMORE PORT OF ENTRY AND IN THE STATE**  
19 **OF MARYLAND WITHIN A RADIUS OF 60 MILES BEYOND THE PORT OF ENTRY**  
20 **LIMITS**, and to maintain and operate such foreign trade zones when established  
21 agreeable to and pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the 73rd Congress No. 397,  
22 approved June 18, 1934, entitled “A Bill to provide for the establishment, operation  
23 and maintenance of Foreign Trade Zones in ports of entry in the United States and to  
24 expedite and encourage foreign commerce”, and any amendment thereof.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
26 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
27 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
28 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
29 the date it is enacted.