SENATE BILL 347

Introduced by **Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____M.

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President.

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

1   Section 5–804
2   Annotated Code of Maryland
3   (2008 ~~Replacement~~ Volume)

4   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
5   The Charter of Baltimore City
6   Article II – General Powers
7   Section (9)
8   (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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

11   **Article – Economic Development**

12 **5–804.**

13   **A PERSON THAT WISHES TO HAVE A SITE IN THE STATE DESIGNATED AS A**
14 **FOREIGN TRADE ZONE SHALL APPLY FOR DESIGNATION APPROVAL TO THE**
15 **FOREIGN TRADE ZONE GRANTEE IN THE STATE THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE SITE**
16 **BEFORE APPLYING TO ANOTHER FOREIGN TRADE ZONE GRANTEE IN THE STATE**
17 **FOR DESIGNATION APPROVAL.**

18   **The Charter of Baltimore City**

19   Article II – General Powers

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

26   (9)   To make application for establishing, maintaining and operating
27 foreign trade zones in the [Baltimore Harbor] **BALTIMORE PORT OF ENTRY AND IN**
28 **THE STATE OF MARYLAND WITHIN A RADIUS OF 60 MILES BEYOND THE PORT OF**
29 **ENTRY LIMITS**, and to maintain and operate such foreign trade zones when
30 established agreeable to and pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the 73rd Congress
31 No. 397, approved June 18, 1934, entitled "A Bill to provide for the establishment,
32 operation and maintenance of Foreign Trade Zones in ports of entry in the United
33 States and to expedite and encourage foreign commerce", and any amendment thereof.

34   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
35 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
36 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members

1   elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
2   the date it is enacted.

Approved:

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                                      President of the Senate.

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                                Speaker of the House of Delegates.