

## CHAPTER 52

(Senate Bill 347)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development

Section 5–804

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 ~~Replacement~~ Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II – General Powers

Section (9)

(2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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

### **Article – Economic Development**

#### **5–804.**

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

### **The Charter of Baltimore City**

Article II – General Powers

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.**