

HOUSE BILL 357

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By: **Delegates B. Robinson, Conaway, and Tarrant**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Midtown Community Benefits District Management**
3 **Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to require
5 that the Board of Directors of the Midtown Community Benefits District
6 Management Authority include certain members; and generally relating to the
7 Midtown Community Benefits District Management Authority in Baltimore
8 City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 The Charter of Baltimore City
11 Article II – General Powers
12 Section (63)(a)(1)
13 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 The Charter of Baltimore City
16 Article II – General Powers
17 Section (63)(f)
18 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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

21 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

22 **Article II – General Powers**

23 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to
24 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of
25 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 and in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by
2 ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the
3 provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws:

4 (63)

5 (a) (1) To establish, by ordinance, not more than six community benefits
6 district management authorities, including the Charles Village Community Benefits
7 District and the Midtown Community Benefits District, within the City to provide
8 services consistent with paragraph (2) of this subsection to the business interests and
9 residents of the proposed district.

10 (f) (1) In adopting an ordinance, the City Council shall:

11 [(1)] (I) give consideration to the views of the property owners, the
12 retail merchants, the property tenants, and the other members of the business and
13 residential communities within the district;

14 [(2)] (II) make a determination that a district created under this
15 section will reflect a diverse mix of business and residential properties; and

16 [(3)] (III) make a determination that a district created under this
17 section will reflect a diverse economic, social, and racial mix.

18 (2) **FOR THE MIDTOWN COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISTRICT, AS**
19 **CREATED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SHALL**
20 **REQUIRE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE MIDTOWN COMMUNITY**
21 **BENEFITS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY INCLUDE TWO VOTING**
22 **MEMBERS FROM THE CONCERNED CITIZENS OF ST. PAUL STREET AND PENN**
23 **STATION.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2012.