

## Chapter 197

(Senate Bill 243)

AN ACT concerning

### **Baltimore City – Hotel Room Tax – Convention Center Promotion**

FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date provisions requiring that for certain fiscal years certain amounts measured by proceeds from a hotel room tax imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated to a certain association for certain purposes; and generally relating to hotel room taxes and convention center marketing and tourism promotion in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
The Charter of Baltimore City  
Article II – General Powers  
Section (40)(e)  
(2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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

### **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:

(40)

(e) (1) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 1997 but before [July 1, 2012,] **JULY 1, 2017**, the Mayor and City Council shall appropriate from its General Fund to [the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association] **VISIT BALTIMORE** specifically for Convention Center marketing and tourism promotion an amount equal to at least 40% of the proceeds of any hotel room tax imposed.

(2) If the appropriation made for any fiscal year pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection is less than the amount required when compared to actual receipts for the completed fiscal year, the difference shall be added to the

appropriation to be made for the second succeeding fiscal year. If the appropriation made for any fiscal year pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection is more than the amount required when compared to actual receipts for the completed fiscal year, the difference may be deleted from the appropriation to be made for the second succeeding fiscal year.

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.**