

HOUSE BILL 1293

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By: **Delegate Amprey**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – West North Avenue Development Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority in
4 Baltimore City; providing for the composition, ~~chair, and staffing~~ and chair of the
5 Authority; authorizing the Authority to manage certain funds; prohibiting a member
6 of the Authority from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
7 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Authority to support and develop
8 a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents;
9 authorizing the Authority to modify certain boundaries, subject to a certain vote;
10 requiring the Authority to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor
11 and to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
12 defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
13 relating to the West North Avenue Development Authority.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Economic Development

16 Section 12–701 through 12–706 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Baltimore
17 City – West North Avenue Development Authority”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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.



Article – Economic Development

SUBTITLE 7. BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY.

12-701.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “BUFFER ZONE” MEANS THE AREA WITHIN 250 YARDS OF THE TARGET AREA.

(C) “TARGET AREA” MEANS THE PORTION OF WEST NORTH AVENUE IN BALTIMORE CITY BETWEEN THE 600 BLOCK AND THE 3200 BLOCK, INCLUSIVE.

12-702.

THERE IS A WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

12-703.

(A) THE AUTHORITY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND WHO REPRESENTS THE TARGET AREA, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WHO REPRESENTS THE TARGET AREA, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(3) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;

(5) ONE MEMBER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WHO REPRESENTS THE TARGET AREA, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL;

(6) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY;

(7) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

1 (8) THE DIRECTOR OF THE BALTIMORE DEVELOPMENT
2 CORPORATION, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

3 (9) THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF
4 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE;

5 (10) THE DIRECTOR OF THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF
6 TRANSPORTATION, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

7 (11) THE DIRECTOR OF THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF
8 PLANNING, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

9 (12) THE PRESIDENT OF COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE
10 PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE; AND

11 (13) THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF
12 ART, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE.

13 (B) ~~A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS SHALL ELECT EITHER THE MEMBER~~
14 ~~DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(12) OR (13) OF THIS SECTION TO BE THE CHAIR~~
15 ~~OF THE AUTHORITY~~ THE PRESIDENT OF COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE
16 PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY.

17 12-704.

18 (A) ~~THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE~~
19 ~~AUTHORITY, SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE AUTHORITY.~~ THE AUTHORITY MAY
20 MANAGE APPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF BALTIMORE AND THE STATE.

21 (B) THE AUTHORITY MAY RECEIVE DONATED SERVICES FROM
22 ACCOUNTANTS, LAWYERS, OR OTHER CONSULTANTS AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT
23 THIS SUBTITLE.

24 (C) THE AUTHORITY MAY SUPERVISE, MANAGE, AND TERMINATE STAFF
25 AND CONSULTANTS AS NECESSARY.

26 12-705.

27 A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY:

28 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
29 AUTHORITY; BUT

1 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
2 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

3 **12-706.**

4 **(A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL:**

5 **(1) SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF A**
6 **COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN IN THE TARGET AREA**
7 **AND THE BUFFER ZONE TO BENEFIT:**

8 **(I) THE RESIDENTS;**

9 **(II) HOUSING;**

10 **(III) NEIGHBORHOODS;**

11 **(IV) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND**

12 **(V) TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES AND**
13 **PEDESTRIANS; AND**

14 **(2) WORK IN COORDINATION WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE TARGET**
15 **AREA AND THE BUFFER ZONE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD**
16 **REVITALIZATION PLAN.**

17 **(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE**
18 **AUTHORITY, MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TARGET AREA AND THE BUFFER**
19 **ZONE.**

20 **(C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT ITS**
21 **COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY TO THE GOVERNOR**
22 **AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO**
23 **THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE**
24 **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September
27 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.