

# HOUSE BILL 627

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 331

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By: **Delegate Amprey**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – West North Avenue Development Authority – Membership and**  
3 **Procurement**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the West North Avenue Development  
5 Authority; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of State procurement  
6 law; and generally relating to the West North Avenue Development Authority.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Economic Development  
9 Section 12–702  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Economic Development  
14 Section 12–703  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Economic Development  
19 Section 12–703.1  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

22 BY adding to  
23 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
24 Section 11–203(j)  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Economic Development**

4 12–702.

5 There is a West North Avenue Development Authority in Baltimore City.

6 12–703.

7 (a) The Authority consists of the following members:

8 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents the target area,  
9 appointed by the President of the Senate;

10 (2) one member of the House of Delegates who represents the target area,  
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

12 (3) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the  
13 Secretary's designee;

14 (4) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

15 **(5) THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, OR THE SECRETARY'S**  
16 **DESIGNEE;**

17 **(6) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC**  
18 **DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

19 **[(5)] (7)** one member of the Baltimore City Council who represents the  
20 target area, appointed by the President of the Baltimore City Council;

21 **[(6)] (8)** one member appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City;

22 **[(7)] (9)** one member appointed by the Governor;

23 **[(8)] (10)** the Director of the Baltimore Development Corporation, or the  
24 Director's designee;

25 **[(9)] (11)** the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Department of Housing  
26 and Community Development, or the Commissioner's designee;

27 **[(10)] (12)** the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation,  
28 or the Director's designee;

1            [(11)] (13) the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Planning, or  
2 the Director's designee;

3            [(12)] (14) the President of Coppin State University, or the President's  
4 designee;

5            [(13)] (15) the President of the Maryland Institute College of Art, or the  
6 President's designee; and

7            [(14)] (16) two members who are residents of communities impacted by the  
8 target area or buffer zone, selected by the majority vote of the leadership of the following  
9 organizations:

10            (i) Alliance of Rosemont Community Associations;

11            (ii) Bolton Hill Community Association;

12            (iii) Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation;

13            (iv) Druid Heights Community Development Corporation;

14            (v) Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council;

15            (vi) Penn North Community Association; and

16            (vii) collectively, the leadership of the Reservoir Hill Improvement  
17 Council, the Reservoir Hill Association, and the Upper Eutaw Madison Neighborhood  
18 Association.

19            (b) The President of Coppin State University, or the President's designee, shall  
20 serve as the chair of the Authority.

21 **12-703.1.**

22            (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
23 AUTHORITY IS EXEMPT FROM DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND  
24 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

25            (B) THE AUTHORITY IS SUBJECT TO TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 4 AND TITLE 14,  
26 SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

27            **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

28 11-203.

1           **(J) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
2 **THIS DIVISION II DOES NOT APPLY TO THE WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT**  
3 **AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE ECONOMIC**  
4 **DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.**

5           **(2) THE WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
6 **ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
7 **ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 4 AND TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS**  
8 **ARTICLE.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
11 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
12 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
13 enacted. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of the termination provision  
14 specified in Section 2 of Chapters 80 and 81 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021. If  
15 that termination provision takes effect, this Act, with no further action required by the  
16 General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not  
17 be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.