

SENATE BILL 846

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By: **Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Hotel Room Tax – Convention Center Promotion and**
3 **Operations**

4 FOR the purpose of extending to a certain date provisions requiring that for certain fiscal
5 years certain amounts measured by proceeds from a hotel room tax imposed by
6 Baltimore City be appropriated to a certain association for certain purposes; altering
7 the purposes for which the proceeds shall be appropriated to include the operations
8 of the Baltimore City Convention Center; and generally relating to hotel room taxes
9 and convention center marketing and operations and tourism promotion in
10 Baltimore City.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 The Charter of Baltimore City
13 Article II – General Powers
14 Section (40)(e)
15 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)
16 (As enacted by Chapter 151 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007, as amended
17 by Chapter 197 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012)

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

20 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

21 Article II – General Powers

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.



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

7 (40)

8 (e) (1) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 1997 but before [July
 9 1, 2017] **JULY 1, 2022**, the Mayor and City Council shall appropriate from its General
 10 Fund to Visit Baltimore ~~specifically~~ for **THE MARKETING AND OPERATIONS OF THE**
 11 ~~Convention Center marketing~~ and tourism promotion an amount equal to at least 40% of
 12 the proceeds of any hotel room tax imposed.

13 (2) If the appropriation made for any fiscal year pursuant to paragraph (1)
 14 of this subsection is less than the amount required when compared to actual receipts for
 15 the completed fiscal year, the difference shall be added to the appropriation to be made for
 16 the second succeeding fiscal year. If the appropriation made for any fiscal year pursuant to
 17 paragraph (1) of this subsection is more than the amount required when compared to actual
 18 receipts for the completed fiscal year, the difference may be deleted from the appropriation
 19 to be made for the second succeeding fiscal year.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
 21 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.