

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0536
(First Reader)

Introduced by: The Council President, Councilmember Bullock
At the request of: The Administration (Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office)
Introduced and read first time: June 15, 2020
Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Mayor’s Office of Employment
Development, Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office, Mayor’s Office of Minority
and Women-Owned Business Development, Baltimore Development Corporation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Minority and Women’s Business Program – Interim Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of postponing, for an interim period, the automatic termination of the Minority
4 and Women’s Business Program; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating
5 to City procurement requirements.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

8 Section 28-3(a)(1)(iv)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

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12 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

13 Section 28-5

14 Baltimore City Code

15 (Edition 2000)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
17 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 5. Finance, Property, and Procurement**

20 **Subtitle 28. Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises;**
21 **Small Local Business Enterprises**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **§ 28-3. Legislative findings and policy.**

2 (a) *Findings.*

3 (1) The Mayor and City Council makes the findings contained in this subsection, on full
4 consideration of:

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6 (iv) the extensive findings of the 2014 Disparity Study, “The State of Minority
7 and Women-Owned Business Enterprise: Evidence from Baltimore”;

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9 **§ 28-5. Automatic termination.**

10 This subtitle automatically expires on [August 31, 2020] DECEMBER 31, 2021, unless the City
11 Council, after causing an appropriate study to be undertaken, conducting public hearings, and
12 hearing testimonial evidence, finds that the purposes identified in this subtitle have not yet
13 been achieved, in which case this subtitle may be extended for 5 more years.

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Mayor and City Council finds that the
15 existing disparity study remains a valid factual predicate for the Minority and Women’s Business
16 Program and provides sufficient legal justification for continuing the Program during the interim
17 extension period enacted by this Ordinance.

18 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
19 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
20 Ordinance.

21 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect when it is
22 enacted.