

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0800
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office)
Introduced and read first time: September 17, 2007
Assigned to: Taxation and Finance Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Minority and Women’s Business Program –**
3 **“Sunset” – Interim Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of postponing, for an interim period, the automatic termination of the Minority
5 and Women’s Business Program; providing for a special effective date; and generally
6 relating to minority and women’s business enterprises.

7 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments
8 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
9 Section(s) 28-6
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
13 Mayor and City Council finds that the existing disparity study remains a valid factual predicate
14 for the Minority and Women’s Business Program and provides sufficient legal justification for
15 continuing the Program during the interim extension period enacted by this Ordinance.

16 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as
17 follows:

18 **Baltimore City Code**

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

20 **Subtitle 28. Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises**

21 **§ 28-6. Automatic termination.**

22 This subtitle automatically expires on [September 30, 2007] DECEMBER 6, 2007, unless the
23 City Council, after causing an appropriate study to be undertaken, conducting public

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

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1 hearings, and hearing testimonial evidence, finds that the purposes identified in this subtitle
2 have not yet been achieved, in which case this subtitle may be extended for 5 more years.
3 HOWEVER, IF BY DECEMBER 6, 2007, THE CITY COUNCIL FAILS TO ENACT A 5-YEAR OR OTHER
4 LONG-TERM EXTENSION, THEN THIS SUBTITLE IS FURTHER EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 30,
5 2008, AND AUTOMATICALLY EXPIRES ON MAY 30, 2008, UNLESS A LONG-TERM EXTENSION IS
6 ENACTED BEFORE THEN.

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

10 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it
11 is enacted.