

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0598
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: September 21, 2020
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Health Department, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Health Department – \$5,500,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$5,500,000 to the Health Department – Service 315 (Emergency Services –
6 Health), to provide funding for unanticipated additional expenditures resulting from the
7 COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 8(b)(3) and (c)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents funds from the Budget Stabilization
15 Reserve in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy
16 required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

17 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
18 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2020 was formulated.

19 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the
20 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2020 was formulated or is for a new program that could
21 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

22 On September 16, 2020, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
23 Council.

24 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
25 \$5,500,000 shall be made available to the Health Department – Service 315 (Emergency Services
26 – Health) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2020, to

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

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1 provide funding for unanticipated additional expenditures resulting from the COVID-19
2 pandemic. The source of revenue for this appropriation is funds from the Budget Stabilization
3 Reserve in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in
4 determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

5 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
6 enacted.