

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 14-0344
(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: March 24, 2014

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Mayor’s 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 and
5 Women’s Business Program; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to
6 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 for
14 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**

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

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1 **§ 28-6. Automatic termination.**

2 This subtitle automatically expires on [April 30, 2014] JULY 30, 2014, unless the City Council,
3 after causing an appropriate study to be undertaken, conducting public hearings, and hearing
4 testimonial evidence, finds that the purposes identified in this subtitle have not yet been
5 achieved, in which case this subtitle may be extended for 5 more years.

6 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
7 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
8 Ordinance.

9 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
10 enacted.