



September 18, 2012

The Honorable President and
Members of the Baltimore
City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
409 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill No. 12-0120 – Commission for Historical and
Architectural Preservation – Review of Plans for City-Owned Buildings

Dear President and Members

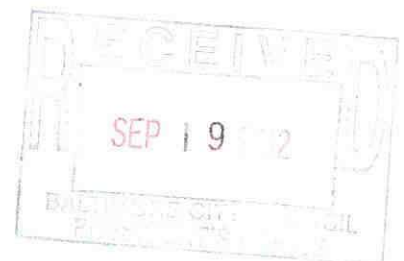
You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 12-0120. City Council Bill 12-0120 proposed to clarify the procedure for the review of changes to City-owned buildings and property by CHAP. The bill also extends the period of time for CHAP to submit its report to the Mayor from 45 to 90 days.

Under Art. 66B, Sec. 2.12 of the Maryland Ann. Code, to preserve structures and landmarks of historic and architectural value as a public purpose of the State, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City may enact laws for historic and landmark zoning and preservation. Accordingly, City Council Bill 12-0120 is consistent with the authority of the City Council. The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 12-0120 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,



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