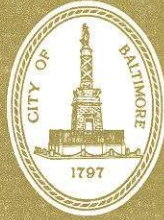


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May 12, 2014

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 14-0337– Bond Issue – National Aquarium at Baltimore
Loan - \$800,000

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0337 (Bond Issue – National Aquarium at Baltimore Loan - \$800,000) for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would authorize the Mayor and City Council to create a debt not exceeding \$800,000 (the “Debt”) for purposes of improving the facilities, operations, functions, and activities of the National Aquarium at Baltimore.

The intent of the bill is to ensure that the Debt is created as a general obligation of the City, pursuant to Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of Maryland. The bill also contains provisions concerning the use of the funds, the issuance of the bonds, and other matters. After approval by the Mayor and City Council, the ordinance will be presented to the voters for approval on November 4, 2014.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 14-0337 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor
Angela Gibson, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison
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