

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 19-0343  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office)  
Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2019  
Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Minority and Women’s Business Program – Interim Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of postponing, for an interim period, the automatic termination of the Minority  
4 and Women’s Business Program; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating  
5 to City procurement requirements.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

8 Section 28-3(a)(1)(iv)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

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12 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

13 Section 28-5

14 Baltimore City Code

15 (Edition 2000)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
17 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

18 **Baltimore City Code**

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

20 **Subtitle 28. Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises;**  
21 **Small Local Business Enterprises**

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

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1    **§ 28-3. Legislative findings and policy.**

2       (a) *Findings.*

3           (1) The Mayor and City Council makes the findings contained in this subsection, on full  
4           consideration of:

5                   . . . .  
6                   (iv) the extensive findings of the 2014 Disparity Study, “The State of Minority  
7                   and Women-Owned Business Enterprise: Evidence from Baltimore”;  
8                   . . . .

9    **§ 28-5. Automatic termination.**

10       This subtitle automatically expires on [July 30, 2019,] AUGUST 31, 2020, unless the City  
11       Council, after causing an appropriate study to be undertaken, conducting public hearings, and  
12       hearing testimonial evidence, finds that the purposes identified in this subtitle have not yet  
13       been achieved, in which case this subtitle may be extended for 5 more years.

14       **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Mayor and City Council finds that the  
15       existing disparity study remains a valid factual predicate for the Minority and Women’s Business  
16       Program and provides sufficient legal justification for continuing the Program during the interim  
17       extension period enacted by this Ordinance.

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

21       **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect when it is  
22       enacted.