

# COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

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Tom Liebel, Chairman

## STAFF REPORT

Director

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REQUEST: Review and Response to City Council Bill for Urban Renewal Amendments:

City Council Bill 13-024 Arts and Entertainment Districts - Property Tax

Credits - Admissions and Amusement Tax Exemptions

**RECOMMENDATION:** CHAP has no objection to the amendment.

**STAFF:** Stacy Montgomery

PETITIONER(S): City Councilmembers Kraft, Stokes, Cole, Henry, Middleton, Clarke,

President Young, Councilmember Holton

# SITE/HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Arts & Entertainment Property Tax Credit is available to properties within Baltimore's 3 designated Arts & Entertainment Districts, Station North, Highlandtown, and Bromo. The Arts & Entertainment Districts fall within the following National Register Historic Districts, Old Goucher, Patterson Park – Highlandtown, and Market Center.

### BACKGROUND

- o There are no previous CHAP actions regarding this site.
- This bill has been referred to CHAP for comment.

### **PROPOSAL**

Bill 13-0242 Arts and Entertainment Districts - Property Tax Credits - Admissions and Amusement Tax Exemptions will repeal the deadlines by which a qualified person must apply for an arts and entertainment property tax credit or register for an arts and entertainment admissions amusement tax exemption; conforming certain obsolete statutory references to their current counterparts; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to tax credits and exemptions in Arts & Entertainment.

#### **ANALYSIS**

CHAP staff finds that with the proposed amendments will have no impact on historic properties as the amendments serve to update the current ordinance with correct statues and repealing deadlines that were problematic.

Staff recommends a finding of no objection.

no objection

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