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**Title:** Minority and Women’s Business Program - Reauthorization  
For the purpose of reauthorizing and continuing the Minority and Women’s Business Program; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to minority and women’s business enterprises.

**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration)

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
12/4/2023	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
10/16/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
10/2/2023	0	Economic and Community Development	Recommended Favorably	
10/2/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Advanced to 3rd Reader, for Final Passage	
9/26/2023	0	Economic and Community Development	Recommended Favorably	Pass
9/18/2023	0	Economic and Community Development	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
5/18/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
5/18/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Mayor’s Office of Small and Minority Business Advocacy and Development	
5/18/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Baltimore Development Corporation	
5/18/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Dept. of Finance	
5/15/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Assigned	
5/15/2023	0	Baltimore City Council	Introduced	

**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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The official copy considered by the City Council is the first reader copy.

**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore**

## Council Bill

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office)

### A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

#### **Minority and Women's Business Program - Reauthorization**

For the purpose of reauthorizing and continuing the Minority and Women's Business Program; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to minority and women's business enterprises.

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

Sections 28-3(a)(1)(iv) and (a)(2), and 28-5

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

### **Baltimore City Code**

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

##### **Subtitle 28. Minority and Women's Business Enterprises; Small Local Business Enterprises**

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

##### *(a) Findings.*

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

...

(iv) the extensive findings of the [2014 Disparity Study] 2022 Disparity Study, "The State of Minority and Women-Owned Business enterprise: Evidence from Baltimore";

...

(2) Past discrimination in the City's contracting process by prime contractors against minority and women's business enterprises has resulted in significant underutilization of minority and women's business enterprises in contracts awarded by the City of Baltimore. As determined by the [2007 Disparity Study] 2022 Disparity Study, this disparity has been persistent, pervasive, and statistically significant based on available vendor data.

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

This subtitle automatically expires on [May 30, 2023] June 30, 2028, unless the City Council, after causing an appropriate study to be undertaken, conducting public hearings, and hearing testimonial evidence, find that the purposes identified in this subtitle have not yet been achieved, in which case this subtitle may be

extended for 5 more years.

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.