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**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
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**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 - Interim Extension**

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

By repealing and reordaining, without amendments

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Section 28-3(a)(1)(iv)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Section 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, “The State of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise: Evidence from Baltimore”;  
....

**§ 28-5. Automatic termination.**

This subtitle automatically expires on [July 30, 2019,] August 31, 2020, unless the City Council, after causing an appropriate study to be undertaken, conducting public hearings, and hearing testimonial evidence, finds 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 the Mayor and City Council finds that the existing disparity study remains a valid factual predicate for the Minority and Women’s Business Program and provides sufficient legal justification for continuing the Program during the interim extension period enacted by this Ordinance.

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**Section 4. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect when it is enacted.