

particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws:

(40) (e) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, for [Fiscal Year 1997] ANY FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING BEFORE JULY 1, 2002, the rate of any hotel room tax imposed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may not exceed 7.5%.

(2) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1997 BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2002, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SHALL APPROPRIATE FROM ITS GENERAL FUND SPECIFICALLY FOR CONVENTION CENTER MARKETING AND TOURISM PROMOTION AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST 40% OF THE PROCEEDS OF ANY HOTEL ROOM TAX IMPOSED.

(3) IF THE APPROPRIATION MADE FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT REQUIRED WHEN COMPARED TO ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR THE COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR, THE DIFFERENCE SHALL BE ADDED TO THE APPROPRIATION TO BE MADE FOR THE SECOND SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR. IF THE APPROPRIATION MADE FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT REQUIRED WHEN COMPARED TO ACTUAL RECEIPTS FOR THE COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR, THE DIFFERENCE MAY BE DELETED FROM THE APPROPRIATION TO BE MADE FOR THE SECOND SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 612

(House Bill 1307)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Hotel Room Tax - Convention Center Promotion

FOR the purpose of extending to certain fiscal years a provision limiting the rate of the hotel tax that may be imposed by Baltimore City; requiring that for certain fiscal years certain amounts measured by proceeds from a hotel room tax imposed by Baltimore City be appropriated for certain purposes; and generally relating to hotel room taxes and convention center marketing and tourism promotion in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 The Charter of Baltimore City
 Article II - General Powers
 Section (40)(e)
 (1996 Edition, as amended)