

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 313 - Baltimore City - Hotel Room Tax - Extension of Sunset.

This bill extends until July 1, 2007 the requirement that Baltimore City appropriate at least 40% of the proceeds from the city's hotel room tax for convention center marketing and tourism promotion.

Senate Bill 450, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 313.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 313

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Hotel Room Tax - Extension of Sunset

FOR the purpose of ~~extending to certain fiscal years a provision limiting the rate of a hotel room tax that may be imposed by Baltimore City;~~ extending to a certain date a provision 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)

(As enacted by Chapters 611 and 612 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II - General Powers

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of