



Legislation Text

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[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill
(Charter Amendment)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Schleifer

A Resolution Entitled

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council concerning
Charter Amendment - Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund

For the purpose of establishing a continuing, nonlapsing Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund, to be used exclusively to supplement rewards offered to the public for information leading to the apprehension, arrest, and conviction of criminal suspects; providing for certain modes of appropriation to this Fund; authorizing the Mayor and City Council, by Ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and administration of this Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

By proposing to add
Article I - General Provisions
Section 19
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

Baltimore City Charter

Article I. General Provisions

§ 19. Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund.

(a) *Fund established; Scope.*

There is a continuing, nonlapsing Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund, to be used exclusively for purposes of supplementing rewards offered to the public from time to time by the Baltimore Police Department or a non-profit organization for the successful apprehension, arrest, and conviction of criminal suspects.

(b) *Limitations on use.*

The Supplementary Criminal Apprehension and Conviction Fund:

- (1) shall only be used to supplement rewards; and
- (2) may not be used to substitute for or replace existing funding for rewards provided by the Baltimore Police Department or any non-profit organizations as described in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) *Revenue sources.*

The fund established under this section may consist of:

- (1) money appropriated to the fund in the annual Ordinances of Estimates;
- (2) grants or donations made to the fund; and
- (3) proceeds from fines, fees, surcharges, or other revenues dedicated to the fund by Ordinance.

(d) *Continuing nature of fund.*

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, unspent portions of the fund established under this section:

- (1) remain in the fund, to be used exclusively for their ordained purposes;
- (2) do not revert to the general revenues of the City; and
- (3) their appropriations do not lapse.

(e) *Implementation.*

By Ordinance, the Mayor and City Council may provide for the oversight, governance, and administration of the fund described in this section.

Section 2. And be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment to the City Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection, in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the City Solicitor.