

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 10-0502
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Henry, President Young, Councilmembers Clarke, D'Adamo,
Branch, Conaway, Middleton

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Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Transportation,
Department of Finance, Police Department

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Parking Fines and Penalties – Amnesty**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the permitted frequency of offering amnesties on penalties for
4 parking, stopping, and standing violations; providing for a special amnesty; repealing certain
5 obsolete provisions; and generally relating to parking, stopping, and standing violations,
6 fines, penalties, and procedures.

7 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

8 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

9 Section(s) 36-23

10 Baltimore City Code

11 (Edition 2000)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
13 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

16 **Subtitle 36. Parking, etc., Fines, Penalties, and Procedures**

17 **§ 36-23. Amnesties.**

18 (a) *General authority to offer amnesty.*

19 Except as otherwise [provide] PROVIDED in SUBSECTION (B) OF this section, the Director
20 of Finance, with the approval of the Board of Estimates, may periodically offer amnesty
21 from the payment of penalties that have accumulated on fines for parking, stopping, or
22 standing violations.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (b) [*Special 2-day amnesty; 10-year moratorium*] *FREQUENCY*.

2 NO AMNESTY MAY BE OFFERED UNDER THIS SECTION MORE THAN ONCE DURING ANY 4-
3 YEAR MAYORAL TERM OF OFFICE.

4 [(1) Within 60 days of the enactment of this section, the Director of Finance shall offer a
5 2-day amnesty period during which outstanding fines for parking, stopping, and
6 standing violations may be paid without liability for any penalties that have
7 accumulated on those fines.]

8 [(2) At the end of that 2-day amnesty period, no further amnesties may be offered for 10
9 years.]

10 (c) *Rules and regulations*.

11 (1) The Director of Finance may adopt rules and regulations to carry out this section.

12 (2) A copy of these rules and regulations must be filed with the Department of
13 Legislative Reference before they take effect.

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That, within 60 days of the enactment of this
15 Ordinance, the Director of Finance shall offer a 5-day amnesty period during which outstanding
16 fines for parking, stopping, and standing violations may be paid without liability for any
17 penalties that have accumulated on those fines.

18 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
19 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
20 Ordinance.

21 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
22 after the date it is enacted.