

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 19-0331  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)  
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore Development Corporation,  
Health Department, Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, Department of  
Housing and Community Development

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment**  
3 **of the Energy Tax Rate**

4 FOR the purpose of correcting the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual  
5 adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and  
6 providing for a special effective date.

7 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

8 Article 28 - Taxes  
9 Section(s) 25-14(d)  
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:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 28. Taxes**

**Subtitle 25. Public Utilities Tax**

***Part 2. Energy Tax***

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

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1     **§ 25-14. Rates.**

2             (d) *Annual adjustments.*

3                     For Fiscal Year [2006] 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year, these tax rates shall be  
4                     adjusted by the percentage change in the [Washington-Baltimore] BALTIMORE-  
5                     COLUMBIA-TOWSON Consumer Price Index, as reported by the United States Department  
6                     of Labor, comparing December of the preceding calendar year to the December of the  
7                     next preceding calendar year.

8             **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
9             are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
10            Ordinance.

11            **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
12            enacted.