

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 10-0473
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: April 12, 2010
Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore Development Corporation,
Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Telecommunications Tax – Rate**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the rate of the telecommunications tax; providing for a special
4 effective date; and generally relating to the imposition and collection of a
5 telecommunications tax.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 28 - Taxes
8 Section(s) 25-3
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

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

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 28. Taxes**

15 **Subtitle 25. Public Utilities Taxes**

16 *Part 1. Telecommunications Tax*

17 **§ 25-3. Rate of tax.**

18 The rate of the tax imposed by this Part 1 is:

- 19 (1) [\$0.35] \$0.40 per month or part of a month for each Centrex local exchange access
20 line or trunk line; and
- 21 (2) [\$3.50] \$4.00 per month or part of a month for every other telecommunica-
22 tions line, whether a residence, business, PBX local exchange, or other wired
23 or wireless telecommunications line.

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

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

4 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it
5 is enacted for all telecommunication lines in service on or after July 1, 2010, and billed on or
6 after August 1, 2010.