

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 06-0511  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Conaway  
Introduced and read first time: August 14, 2006  
Assigned to: Committee of the Whole

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Child Unattended in Vehicle – Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing, to the maximum allowed, the penalty for allowing a child to be  
4 left unattended in a motor vehicle; clarifying certain language; and providing for a special  
5 effective date.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 19 - Police Ordinances

8 Section(s) 37-4

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 19. Police Ordinances**

15 **Subtitle 37. Minors - Misappropriations and Neglect**

16 **§ 37-4. Child left unattended in vehicle.**

17 (A) *PROHIBITED CONDUCT.*

18 [Any] A person[, having] WHO HAS the care or custody of any child under the age of 11  
19 years [who shall cause] MAY NOT CAUSE or [permit] ALLOW the child to remain in a motor  
20 vehicle [while not] UNLESS THE CHILD IS attended or accompanied in that motor vehicle  
21 by a RELIABLE person WHO IS at least 13 years [of age or more] OLD.

22 (B) *PENALTIES.*

23 ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION [shall be deemed] IS guilty of a misdemeanor  
24 and, [upon] ON conviction, [shall be] IS subject to a fine of not more than [\$500] \$1,000

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

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1           or TO imprisonment for not more than [30 days] 12 MONTHS, or TO both fine and  
2           imprisonment.

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

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