

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 15-0270R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Henry, Middleton, Kraft, Branch, Clarke, Welch,
President Young, Councilmembers Reisinger, Costello, Mosby, Curran, Stokes
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Request for State Action – Local Control of Police Commissioner Contract Length

FOR the purpose of calling on the Maryland General Assembly to enact, and the Governor to sign, legislation removing the language in the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City that requires that contracts for Baltimore Police Commissioners be six years in length.

Recitals

Recently there has been great debate about the process of replacing Baltimore Police Commissioners and the lengths of their contracts. Currently the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City requires that police commissioner contracts each be six years in length. Though it may have been a logical requirement at the time that it was written into law, it no longer is in the best interest of the citizens of Baltimore.

Allowing the Mayor of Baltimore to negotiate, and the Board of Estimate to approve, a contract based on current factors at the time of a new commissioner's hiring is the best scenario for Baltimore. Removing this outdated statute will untie the hands of Baltimore's elected officials and will allow them to solely focus on the safety of the citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council calls on the Maryland General Assembly to enact, and the Governor to sign, legislation removing the language in the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City that requires that contracts for Baltimore Police Commissioners be six years in length.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and Senate Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House Speaker, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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