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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III Police Commissioner

May 7, 2010

TO:

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Room 400 City Hall Attn. Karen Randle

FROM:

James H. Green, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

Baltimore Police Department

RE:

City Council Bill 10-0489-Miscellaneous Offenses-Citation and Penalty

Amounts

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0489-Miscellaneous Offenses-Citation and Penalty Amounts. The bill proposes to modify the amount of the penalty imposed for certain environmental, civil, and criminal penalties applicable to certain health and police ordinance offenses.

The BPD has only enforcement responsibilities in this area however recognizes that strong penalties will often act as meaningful deterrent to illegal behavior. We will be happy to attend the hearing if any enforcement questions arise but defer to the Finance Department on the amount of penalty associated with the violation(s). Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

