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The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary 409 City Hall Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill 08-0248 - Sporting Events-Offenses Involving

Dear President and Members

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 08-0248. City Council Bill 248 is for the purpose of modifying the penalties fore certain offense involving sporting events and clarifying certain related language. The bill increases the fine for throwing missiles to not more than \$1000 or 12 months imprisonment or both for each offense; increases the fine for selling forged or unauthorized tickets to the Preakness Stakes to no more than \$1000 for each such ticket the is offered or possessed; and increases the fine for flying an aircraft over or around M&T Bank Stadium or Oriole Park at Camden Yards to no more than \$1000.

City Council Bill 08-0248 is consistent with the authority of the City Council to provide for fines for violations of City Code provisions. See Baltimore City Charter, Article II, Section 48. The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 08-0248 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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