

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0509
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett, President Scott, Councilmembers Bullock, Henry,
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Introduced and read first time: March 9, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Board of
Estimates, Department of Public Works

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Energy Tax - Proceeds**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain proceeds from the City's Energy Tax are dedicated to
4 the Fair Election Fund established by Section 15 of the City Charter; and providing for a
5 special effective date.

6 By repealing and re-ordaining, without amendments

7 Article 28 - Taxes

8 Section 25-12

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 BY adding

12 Article 28 - Taxes

13 Section 25-12.1

14 Baltimore City Code

15 (Edition 2000)

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

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 28. Taxes**

20 **Subtitle 25. Public Utilities**

21 ***Part 2. Energy Tax***

22 **§ 25-12. Tax imposed.**

23 There is levied and imposed a tax on energy delivered through pipes, wires, or conduits to all
24 users in the City other than those exempted by this Part.

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

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1 **§ 25-12.1. DEDICATION OF TAX PROCEEDS.**

2 \$2.5 MILLION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE
3 DEPOSITED IN THE CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND CREATED BY AUTHORITY OF CITY
4 CHARTER, ARTICLE I, § 15 {"SPECIAL FUND FOR FAIR ELECTIONS"}, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY
5 FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THAT SECTION, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO
6 THE ANNUAL ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

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

10 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date of
11 enactment.