

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 15-0582 – Dangerous Knives – Transfer, etc., to or
Permitting Possession, etc., by Individual Under 21

Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

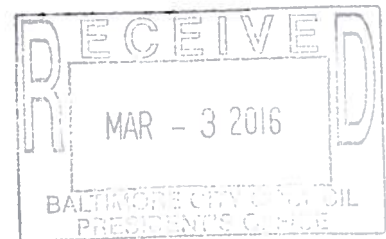
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0582 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill prohibits the sale, giving away, or other transfer of certain knives defined as dangerous to individuals under the age of 21, and prohibits a person from permitting the use or possession of these dangerous knives by individuals under the age of 21. It also defines certain terms, imposes penalties and conforms language and penalties in related provisions addressing switchblade knives.

Under the Baltimore City Charter, Article II, Sections 27 and 47, the Mayor and City Council may “exercise within the limits of Baltimore City all the power commonly known as the Police Power to the same extent as the State has or could exercise that power within the limits of Baltimore City,” and may “pass any ordinance, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter or the laws of the State, which it may deem proper in the exercise of any of the powers, either express or implied, enumerated in this Charter, as well as any ordinance as it may deem proper in maintaining the peace, good government, health and welfare of Baltimore City.” Council Bill 15-0582 is consistent with the authority of the City Council and the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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