

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 10-0517
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Curran, Clarke, Henry

Introduced and read first time: May 24, 2010

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Mayor's Office of Cable and Communications

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Telecommunications Tax – Television Connections**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the telecommunications tax to cover television connections and
4 generally relating to the imposition and collection of a telecommunications tax on television
5 connections.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 28 - Taxes

8 Section(s) 25-1(e)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

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

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 28. Taxes**

15 **Subtitle 25. Public Utilities Taxes**

16 *Part 1. Telecommunications Tax*

17 **§ 25-1. Definitions.**

18 (e) *Telecommunications line.*

19 “Telecommunications line” means:

20 (I) a wired or wireless connection, identifiable by a unique telephone number, to an
21 exchange, wireless, or other telecommunications service; OR

22 (II) A WIRED OR WIRELESS CONNECTION, IDENTIFIABLE BY A UNIQUE ACCOUNT
23 NUMBER, THAT ALLOWS TELEVISION PROGRAMMING TO BE VIEWED ON A
24 TELEVISION SET.

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

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

4 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it
5 is enacted for all telecommunication lines in service on or after July 1, 2010, and billed on or
6 after August 1, 2010.