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	SUBJECT	Report: 21-0101 and 21-0124 (2021 Corrective Bills)		

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TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
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City Council Bill 21-0101 {"Corrective Bill 2021 – General"} and City Council Bill 21-0124 {"Corrective Bill 2021 – Definitions; Rules of Interpretation; Time Computations"} (together, the "Bills") are the latest in a series of annual corrective bills offered by the Department of Legislative Reference ("DLR").

The Department of Legislative Reference, as steward of the City Code, conducts an annual review of the City Code to ensure the language within is accurate, modern, cohesive, and accessible to the average citizen. These efforts increase transparency and meaningful resident participation in government by enabling users to: (i) find the information they need; (ii) understand the information they find; and (iii) use the information they find to meet their needs.

- Council Bill 21-0101 is intended to correct various technical errors and omissions in the City Code, and to correct, clarify, and conform certain inconsistent, superfluous, vague, ungrammatical, misnumbered, and other unclear language, and provides for a special effective date.
- Council Bill 21-0124 repeals the many definitions and rules of statutory interpretation and time computation that have been superseded by the enactment of Code-wide, standardized definitions and rules, clarifies certain purposeful variations, and provides for a special effective date.

For an in-depth correction, a "COMMENT" is appended to explain the reason for that correction. In all cases, care has been taken to assure that changes do not affect or implicate policy decisions of the Mayor and City Council.

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