

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0148
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Welch
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Assigned to: Urban Affairs and Aging Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Health Department, Department of Recreation and Parks, Enoch Pratt Free Library

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Baltimore City Senior Commission – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Senior Commission; defining certain terms;
4 providing for the composition of the Commission; establishing the duties of the Commission;
5 and generally relating to increasing the involvement of seniors in the civic life of Baltimore.

6 BY adding

7 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
8 Section(s) 29-1 to 29-9, to be under the new subtitle,
9 “Subtitle 29. Senior Commission”
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

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

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

16 **SUBTITLE 29. SENIOR COMMISSION**

17 **§ 29-1. DEFINITIONS.**

18 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

19 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

20 (B) *COMMISSION.*

21 “COMMISSION” MEANS THE BALTIMORE CITY SENIOR COMMISSION.

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

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1 (C) *SENIOR*.

2 “SENIOR” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OVER THE AGE OF 60.

3 **§ 29-2. {RESERVED}**

4 **§ 29-3. PURPOSE.**

5 THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO ALLOW SENIORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ADVICE,
6 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND INFORMATION FOR THE MAYOR, THE CITY COUNCIL, AND
7 MUNICIPAL AGENCIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF COORDINATED COMMUNITY AND
8 GOVERNMENT POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES THAT SUPPORT SENIORS AND THEIR
9 FAMILIES.

10 **§ 29-4. COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.**

11 THERE IS A BALTIMORE CITY SENIOR COMMISSION.

12 **§ 29-5. COMPOSITION.**

13 (A) *IN GENERAL*.

14 THE COMMISSION COMPRISES 17 VOTING MEMBERS AND 8 NON-VOTING MEMBERS.

15 (B) *VOTING MEMBERS*.

16 (1) THE VOTING MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY
17 CHARTER ARTICLE IV, § 6, AS FOLLOWS:

18 (I) 1 SENIOR FROM EACH OF THE 14 COUNCIL DISTRICTS; AND

19 (II) 3 AT-LARGE SENIORS RECOMMENDED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY
20 COUNCIL.

21 (2) EACH VOTING MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE A RESIDENT OF BALTIMORE
22 CITY.

23 (C) *AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES*.

24 EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES SHALL DESIGNATE A NON-VOTING MEMBER TO
25 REPRESENT THAT ENTITY:

26 (1) DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS.

27 (2) HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

28 (3) ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY.

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1 (4) FAMILY LEAGUE OF BALTIMORE CITY.

2 (5) BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

3 (6) BALTIMORE COMMISSION ON THE AGING AND RETIREMENT EDUCATION.

4 (D) *MAYORAL AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.*

5 (1) 2 NON-VOTING, EX OFFICIO MEMBERS ARE:

6 (I) THE MAYOR; AND

7 (II) THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

8 (2) THE MAYOR OR COUNCIL PRESIDENT MAY DESIGNATE ANOTHER PERSON TO SERVE IN
9 HER OR HIS PLACE.

10 **§ 29-6. TERMS, ORGANIZATION, MEETINGS, ETC.**

11 (A) *TERMS.*

12 (1) THE TERM OF A VOTING MEMBER EXPIRES AT THE END OF THE MAYOR'S TERM.

13 (2) AT THE END OF A TERM, A VOTING MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR
14 IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

15 (B) *COMPENSATION.*

16 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION:

17 (1) ARE NOT ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR SERVICE ON THE COMMISSION; BUT

18 (2) ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED, AS PROVIDED IN THE
19 ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

20 (C) *OFFICERS; COMMITTEES.*

21 (1) THE MAYOR SHALL DESIGNATE A VOTING MEMBER TO SERVE AS COMMISSION CHAIR.

22 (2) THE CHAIR MAY SELECT OTHER OFFICERS.

23 (3) THE CHAIR MAY APPOINT COMMITTEES TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT
24 ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.

25 (D) *MEETINGS; QUORUM.*

26 (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET ON THE CALL OF THE CHAIR AS FREQUENTLY AS
27 REQUIRED TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES, BUT NOT LESS THAN 6 TIMES NOR MORE THAN 10
28 TIMES EACH YEAR.

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1 (2) A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS CONSTITUTES A QUORUM FOR THE
2 TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

3 (3) AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF A QUORUM IS NEEDED FOR ANY
4 OFFICIAL ACTION.

5 (E) *RULES AND REGULATIONS.*

6 (1) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN ITS MEETINGS
7 AND OPERATIONS.

8 (2) A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY TAKE EFFECT.

10 **§ 29-7. COMMISSION DUTIES.**

11 THE COMMISSION’S DUTIES INCLUDE:

12 (1) DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING A 3-YEAR PLAN OF ACTION THAT OUTLINES SPECIFIC
13 AREAS FOR COMMISSION STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS;

14 (2) REVIEWING ISSUES RELATING TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR SENIORS;

15 (3) IDENTIFYING AND RECOMMENDING PRIORITIES AMONG PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR
16 SENIORS;

17 (4) CREATING A FORUM FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

18 (5) ADVOCATING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS;

19 (6) MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAMS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OR
20 LEGISLATION IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF SENIORS;

21 (7) WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR IN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO:

22 (I) BRING FORTH THE CONCERNS OF SENIORS; AND

23 (II) EVALUATE AND STRENGTHEN PROGRAMMING THAT WILL ENHANCE THE
24 QUALITY OF LIFE AND SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT OF SENIORS;

25 (8) DEVELOPING A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC
26 AND PRIVATE SERVICES FOR SENIORS;

27 (9) SUBMITTING AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL; AND

28 (10) PERFORMING ANY OTHER DUTIES THAT THE MAYOR REQUESTS.

29 **§ 29-8. {RESERVED}**

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1 **§ 29-9. AGENCY ASSISTANCE.**

2 AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION, ALL CITY OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES MUST EXTEND THE
3 SERVICES AND FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COMMISSION’S DUTIES,
4 TO THE EXTENT THAT THOSE OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO DO SO GIVEN THEIR
5 PERSONNEL AND BUDGETS.

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

9 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
10 after the date it is enacted.