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Police Commissioner

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TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: James H. Green,  Deputy Legal Counsel
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 08-0248-Sporting Events-Offenses Involving

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 08-0248-Sporting Events-Offenses which provides for modifying the penalties for certain offenses involving sporting events and clarifying related language.

City Council Bill No. 08-0248 proposes to adjust the penalty section of the current law to include incarceration for up to twelve (12) months and increase the applicable fine to \$1,000 for throwing projectiles on or in the directions of a member of a team or official or on the playing field of a sporting event. Additionally the penalty sections for the unlawful sale of Preakness tickets (forged, counterfeit or those not issued by the Maryland Jockey Club) and operating an aircraft over or around the stadiums are adjusted. Finally, the addition of M&T Bank Stadium replaces the Code reference to Memorial Stadium.

The BPD supports these changes as they will have maximum deterrent value under the Code. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD
Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

