

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0180
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Burnett, Scott, President Young, Councilmembers Dorsey, Costello, Bullock, Henry, Pinkett, Middleton, Schleifer, Cohen, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2018

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Health Department

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Police Ordinances – Prohibiting the Purchase of Prostitution**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the purchase of prostitution in Baltimore City; defining certain
4 terms; establishing certain penalties; setting a special effective date; and generally relating to
5 the purchase of prostitution.

6 BY adding

7 Article 19 - Police Ordinances

8 Section(s) 28-1 to 28-4, to be under the new subtitle name,

9 “Subtitle 28. Purchasing Prostitution.”

10 Baltimore City Code

11 (Edition 2000)

12 BY adding

13 Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

14 Sections 41-14(2)(§ 28-2.)

15 Baltimore City Revised Code

16 (Edition 2000)

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

19 **Baltimore City Code**

20 **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

21 **SUBTITLE 28. PURCHASING PROSTITUTION**

22 **§ 28-1. DEFINITIONS.**

23 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

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

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

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1 (B) *PROSTITUTION.*

2 “PROSTITUTION” MEANS THE PERFORMANCE OF A SEXUAL ACT, SEXUAL CONTACT, OR
3 VAGINAL INTERCOURSE, AS THESE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN STATE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE
4 § 3-301, FOR HIRE.

5 (C) *PURCHASE.*

6 “PURCHASE” MEANS TO OFFER OR AGREE TO PAY MONEY OR SOMETHING OF VALUE TO
7 ANOTHER PERSON IN RETURN FOR A SERVICE.

8 **§ 28-2. PROHIBITED CONDUCT.**

9 A PERSON MAY NOT PURCHASE PROSTITUTION IN THE CITY.

10 **§ 28-3. {Reserved}**

11 **§ 28-4. ENFORCEMENT BY CITATION.**

12 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

13 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL REMEDY OR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE,
14 THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE ENFORCED BY ISSUANCE OF A CIVIL CITATION UNDER CITY CODE
15 ARTICLE 1, SUBTITLE 41 {“CIVIL CITATIONS”}.

16 (B) *METHODS NOT EXCLUSIVE.*

17 THE ISSUANCE OF A CITATION TO ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT PRECLUDE PURSUING
18 ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL REMEDY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

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

20 **Subtitle 41. Civil Citations**

21 **§ 41-14. Offenses to which subtitle applies – Listing.**

22 (2) *Article 19. Police Ordinances*

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24 § 28-2. PURCHASING PROSTITUTION – PROHIBITED CONDUCT

25 1ST OFFENSE \$500

26 2ND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE \$750

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

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1 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 180th
2 day after the date it is enacted.