

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 13-0194  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Stokes, Welch, Scott, Henry, Branch, President Young,  
Councilmembers Curran, Spector, Middleton, Holton

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2013

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Department of  
Finance, Baltimore Development Corporation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Ticket Agencies – Temporary Modifications**

3 FOR the purpose of temporarily modifying certain provisions relating to service charges on the  
4 sale of tickets for admission to certain events; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related  
5 provisions; providing for a special effective date; providing for the automatic termination of  
6 this Ordinance on a date certain; and generally relating to ticket agencies and ticket sales.

7 BY repealing

8 Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation

9 Section(s) 21-2 and 21-3

10 Baltimore City Code

11 (Edition 2000)

12 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

13 Article 19 - Police Ordinances

14 Section(s) 55-1(b)

15 Baltimore City 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 15. Licensing and Regulation**

21 **Subtitle 21. Ticket Agencies**

22 **[§ 21-2. Maximum service charge.**

23 A licensee under this section, or any officer or employee thereof, shall not directly or  
24 indirectly exact, accept, or receive for any ticket or token of admission to an exhibition,  
25 performance, game, or sport conducted by a licensee under a license granted by the State of

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

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1 Maryland, or the City of Baltimore, any greater amount than 50¢ in excess of the sum of the  
2 regular or established price or charge therefor printed on the face of such ticket, plus the  
3 amount of any tax imposed by the Government of the United States or by the State of  
4 Maryland upon such ticket or the right of admission thereunder.]

5 **[§ 21-3. “Scalping” prohibited.**

6 (a) *Price to be on ticket.*

7 Wherever the right of admission to any licensed exhibition or performance or to any game  
8 or sport where a charge is made is evidenced by a ticket, card, or other token, the regular  
9 or established price or charge therefor shall be conspicuously printed thereon.

10 (b) *Sale for more prohibited; penalties.*

11 (1) If such licensee, or any of his officers or employees, shall extract, accept, or receive,  
12 directly or indirectly, any greater amount than such regular or established price or  
13 charge, plus the amount of any tax imposed by the Government of the United States  
14 or the State of Maryland:

15 (i) the license of such licensee may be revoked and annulled; and

16 (ii) such licensee, officer, or employees shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
17 upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 for  
18 each such violation.

19 (2) The sale of each ticket in violation thereof shall constitute a separate offense.]

20 **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

21 **Subtitle 21. Ticket Agencies**

22 **§ 55-1. Ticket scalping.**

23 (b) *Exception.*

24 Nothing in this section [shall] MAY be construed to make illegal or invalidate [the excess  
25 sum which is permitted to be charged for certain tickets] A SERVICE CHARGE IMPOSED BY  
26 OR STATE OR LOCAL TAXES COLLECTED by a person [engaged in the business of selling]  
27 LICENSED TO SELL tickets (OR THAT PERSON’S AUTHORIZED AGENT) under the provisions  
28 of Article 15, Subtitle 21 {“Ticket Agencies”} of the City Code.

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

32 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
33 enacted. It will remain in effect until November 1, 2013, on which date, with no further action by  
34 the Mayor and City Council: (i) this Ordinance will be abrogated and of no further effect; and

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1 (ii) the provisions repealed or amended by this Ordinance will be revived and again come into  
2 full force and effect as they were before the enactment of this Ordinance.