

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0138
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Henry, Branch, Scott, Welch

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Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Department of Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Transit and Traffic – Commercial Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of defining “passenger car”, as used in an exception to vehicles having
4 commercial advertising; conforming that and certain other elements of the definitions of
5 “commercial vehicle”; correcting and clarifying related provisions; and generally relating to
6 the regulation of commercial vehicles..

7 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

8 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

9 Section(s) 1-1(f) and 6-26(a)

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 31. Transit and Traffic**

16 **Subtitle 1. Definitions; General Provisions**

17 **§ 1-1. Definitions — A to L.**

18 (f) *Commercial vehicle.*

19 “Commercial vehicle” means:

20 (1) every vehicle designed, maintained, and used primarily for the transportation
21 and/or hauling of property, including but not limited to equipment, merchandise,
22 parcels, earth, trash, refuse, scrap, or motor vehicles;

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

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1 (2) every vehicle, except a passenger car (AS DEFINED IN MARYLAND VEHICLE
2 LAW§ 11-144.1), [which] THAT has commercial advertising on the exterior of the
3 [body] VEHICLE or on equipment attached [thereto] TO THE VEHICLE;

4 (3) every vehicle [having] THAT HAS a maximum gross vehicle weight of 7,000
5 pounds or more or a manufacturer’s rated capacity of ¾-ton or more; and

6 (4) every vehicle that is designed to carry more than [10] 15 passengers and is used to
7 carry people.

8 **Subtitle 6. Parking, Standing, and Stopping Regulations**

9 **§ 6-26. Commercial vehicles.**

10 (a) *“Commercial vehicle” limited.*

11 In this section, “commercial vehicle” does not include a vehicle that:

12 (1) has a maximum gross vehicle weight of less than 7,000 pounds or a
13 manufacturer’s rated capacity of ¾ -ton;

14 (2) EXCEPT FOR A PASSENGER CAR (AS DEFINED IN MARYLAND VEHICLE
15 LAW§ 11-144.1), has no commercial advertising on the exterior of the [body]
16 VEHICLE or on any [attached] equipment [compartments, or apparatus] ATTACHED
17 TO THE VEHICLE;

18 (3) is not visibly loaded with supplies or equipment; and

19 (4) is designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers.

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

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