CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0130R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Dorsey, Costello, Cohen, Bullock, Burnett, Sneed, Middleton, Clarke, Reisinger, Pinkett, Scott
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Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee
REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Police Department Forfeiture Funds**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that Police Department representatives and the Director of Finance
4   appear before the City Council to provide information on the use of forfeiture funds by the
5   Police Department, over the past 5 years.

6   Over the past several years, the Police Department has overspent, by a significant amount, its
7 allocated budget, thus necessitating the need for supplementary appropriation legislation, the
8 funds for which could have been used for other priorities of the City.

9   Police forfeiture activity has generated revenue for the Department, but it is not known how
10 these funds are being used. Could they be used to help defray the additional expenses incurred
11 annually by the Police Department? What formal policies exist within the Department that
12 govern the use of these funds? What accountability procedures for the use of these funds is
13 currently in place?

14   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
15 Baltimore City Council requests that Police Department representatives and the Director of
16 Finance appear before this Body to provide information on the use of forfeiture funds by the
17 Police Department, over the past 5 years.

18   **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Acting
19 Baltimore City Police Commissioner, the Director of Finance, the Mayor, and the Mayor's
20 Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.