

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0698
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Curran
Introduced, read first time, and withdrawn: May 21, 2007

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Public Safety Act Zone Designation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor, under certain circumstances, to declare a Public
4 Safety Act Zone Designation and to impose certain restrictions and take certain measures to
5 protect the public health, safety, and property.

6 BY adding

7 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
8 Section(s) 18-6
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

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

13 **Baltimore City Code**

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

15 **Subtitle 18. Disaster Control and Civil Defense**

16 **§ 18-6. PUBLIC SAFETY ACT ZONE DESIGNATION .**

17 (A) *MAYOR MAY DECLARE.*

18 THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO DECLARE A PUBLIC SAFETY ACT ZONE DESIGNATION IF
19 THE MAYOR FINDS THAT THE CITY OR ANY PART OF IT IS SUFFERING OR IS IN IMMINENT
20 DANGER OF SUFFERING CIVIL DISTURBANCE, DISORDER, RIOT, OR OTHER OCCURRENCE
21 THAT WILL SERIOUSLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY ENDANGER THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND
22 PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC.

23 (B) *AUTHORIZED MEASURES.*

24 DURING A PUBLIC SAFETY ACT ZONE DESIGNATION DECLARED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE
25 MAYOR MAY TAKE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING MEASURES THROUGHOUT THE CITY
26 OR IN ANY AFFECTED PARTS OF THE CITY:

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

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1 (1) PROHIBIT OR LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO MAY GATHER OR CONGREGATE
2 ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OR SIDEWALKS, OR IN ANY OUTDOOR PLACE, EXCEPT
3 PERSONS WHO ARE AWAITING TRANSPORTATION, ENGAGING IN RECREATIONAL
4 ACTIVITIES AT A USUAL AND CUSTOMARY PLACE, OR PEACEABLY ENTERING OR
5 LEAVING BUILDINGS;

6 (2) HALT ACCESS OR EGRESS ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS TO OR FROM THE CITY OR
7 AFFECTED PARTS OF THE CITY;

8 (3) REQUIRE THE CLOSING OF TAVERNS AND BARS AND PROHIBIT THE SALE OR SERVICE
9 OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ANY HOTEL, RESTAURANT, CLUB, OR OTHER
10 ESTABLISHMENT; AND

11 (4) PROHIBIT THE SALE, CARRYING, OR POSSESSION ON THE PUBLIC STREET OR PUBLIC
12 SIDEWALKS, OR IN ANY PUBLIC PARK OR SQUARE, OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING, BUT
13 NOT LIMITED TO, FIREARMS, BOWS AND ARROWS, AIR RIFLES, KNIVES, RAZORS, OR
14 MISSILES OF ANY KIND.

15 (C) *TERM.*

16 (1) A PUBLIC SAFETY ACT ZONE DESIGNATION DECLARED BY THE MAYOR SHALL EXIST
17 FOR THE PERIOD SET FORTH IN THE PROCLAMATION, FOR A MAXIMUM OF 2 WEEKS.

18 (2) HOWEVER, THE PUBLIC SAFETY ACT ZONE DESIGNATION MAY BE EXTENDED FOR
19 ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF 2 WEEKS EACH.

20 (D) *PENALTIES.*

21 (1) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES A MEASURE TAKEN BY THE MAYOR UNDER THIS SECTION
22 IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT
23 MORE THAN \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 12 MONTHS OR BOTH FINE
24 AND IMPRISONMENT.

25 (2) EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

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

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