CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 25-0005R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Conway

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter,

Blanchard, Jones, Ramos, and President Cohen Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2025

Assigned to: Public Health and Environment Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of General Services, Health Department,

Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning **Informational Hearing – Availability of Naloxone in Public Buildings** 2 FOR the purpose of requiring the City Administrator, Commissioner of the Baltimore Health 3 4 Department, and the Director of the Department of General Services to appear before the 5 City Council to present an assessment of the City's readiness to comply with the provisions of Chapter 764 of the Acts of the Maryland General Assembly of 2024, "Emergency 6 Services – Automated External Defibrillator and Naloxone Co-Location 7 Initiative – Requirements for Public Buildings", by updating its health and safety protocols 8 for all City buildings. 9 Recitals 10 WHEREAS, Chapter 764 of the Acts of the Maryland General Assembly of 2024, 11 "Emergency Services – Automated External Defibrillator and Naloxone Co-Location 12 Initiative – Requirements for Public Buildings", requires local jurisdictions to require that 13 naloxone be co-located with each automated defibrillator placed in a public building. 14 15 WHEREAS, to ensure Baltimore's full compliance with Chapter 764, it is necessary to determine whether relevant City agencies, including the Baltimore City Health Department and 16 the Department of General Services, are meeting the standards established in the Chapter. 17 18 WHEREAS, City agencies must ensure that the City's public health protocols and building standards align with the requirements of Chapter 764. 19 WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council recognizes the importance of maintaining public 20 health and safety standards in the City's facilities and ensuring that all appropriate measures are 21 22 taken to comply with State law to improve health outcomes and safeguard City residents. 23 WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to taking any immediate action necessary to rectify any deficiencies identified by City agencies and to ensuring that all facilities and 24 operations comply with State-mandated health and safety standards, as directed by Chapter 764. 25

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1	WHEREAS, the City Council encourages continuing collaboration between the City
2	Administrator, the Health Department, the Department of General Services, and any other
3	relevant City agencies to facilitate ongoing compliance with Chapter 764.
4	Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City
5	Council requires the City Administrator, Commissioner of the Baltimore Health Department, and
6	the Director of the Department of General Services to appear before the City Council to present
7	an assessment of the City's readiness to comply with the provisions of Chapter 764 of the Acts
8	of the Maryland General Assembly of 2024 by updating its health and safety protocols for all
9	City buildings.
10	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City
11	Administrator, the Baltimore City Health Commissioner, the Director of the Department of
12	General Services, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health, and the Mayor's
13	Legislative Liaison to the City Council.