

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 07-0653  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Curran, Harris, Young, D’Adamo, Middleton,  
Conaway, Welch, Reisinger, Mitchell, Crider, Kraft, Holton  
Introduced and read first time: April 16, 2007  
Assigned to: Taxation and Finance Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of  
Public Works, Department of Housing and Community Development

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Debt Collection – Limitation on Referrals**

3 FOR the purpose of precluding the City from selling or referring for collection certain debts to  
4 private entities; and generally relating to the collection of debts by and for the City.

5 BY adding

6 Article 28 - Taxes  
7 Section(s) 4-3  
8 Baltimore City Code  
9 (Edition 2000)

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

12 **Baltimore City Code**

13 **Article 28. Taxes**

14 **Subtitle 4. Collections**

15 **§ 4-3. LIMITATION OF COLLECTION REFERRALS.**

16 THE CITY MAY NOT SELL OR REFER FOR COLLECTION, TO ANY BANK, COLLECTION AGENCY, OR  
17 OTHER PRIVATE ENTITY, ANY DEBT TO THE CITY THAT IS FOR \$1,000 OR LESS.

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

21 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
22 after the date it is enacted.

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