

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0037R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Glover

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Jones, Ramos,
and President Cohen

Introduced and read first time: October 27, 2025

Assigned to: Committee on Legislative Investigations

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Health Department, Baltimore Police Department,
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, Department of Planning, Baltimore City Information Technology

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Tobacco Retailers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring representatives from the Baltimore Health Department, Police
4 Department, Sheriff's Office, Department of Planning, and Baltimore City Information and
5 Technology, and inviting representatives from the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis
6 Commission (ATCC) and the Maryland Department of Health's Center for Tobacco
7 Prevention and Control, to appear before the City Council to discuss the proliferation of
8 tobacco retailers in Baltimore City, existing law regulating these retailers and how those laws
9 are enforced, and how the City can better regulate tobacco retailers and protect communities
10 from the harmful impacts of tobacco use.

11 The City Council would specifically like to request information on the following:

- 12 (1) A landscape analysis of the current federal, State, and City laws, including any
13 relevant case law, regulating tobacco retailers in Baltimore City, current enforcement
14 methods, and penalties for violations;
- 15 (2) A proposed definition of the term "smoke shop";
- 16 (3) The number of tobacco retailers that currently exist in the City and a count of each
17 tobacco license that has been issued to a retailer in the City;
- 18 (4) The current method used by ATCC, the Baltimore Health Department, and law
19 enforcement to conduct compliance checks, whether by proactive inspections or
20 responding to a tip from a citizen, including tips submitted to 311;
- 21 (5) Current trends in commonly sold, unregulated products that are legal to sell but
22 contain addictive and harmful contents, such as 7-OH and Kratom, and potential
23 regulation and enforcement solutions;
- 24 (6) A landscape analysis of educational and outreach efforts and neighborhood impacts;
25 and

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

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1 (7) Proposed solutions to present challenges regarding data collection of information
2 about retailers and sales and enforcement of existing law.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
4 Council requires representatives from the Baltimore Health Department, Police Department,
5 Sheriff's Office, Department of Planning, and Baltimore City Information and Technology, and
6 invites representatives from the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission and the
7 Maryland Department of Health's Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control, to appear before
8 the City Council to discuss the proliferation of tobacco retailers in Baltimore City, existing law
9 regulating these retailers and how those laws are enforced, and how the City can better regulate
10 tobacco retailers and protect communities from the harmful impacts of tobacco use.

11 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore City
12 Health Commissioner, the Baltimore Police Commissioner, the Baltimore City Sheriff, the
13 Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of Baltimore City Information and
14 Technology, the Executive Director of the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis
15 Commission, the Maryland Secretary of Health, the Baltimore City Delegation to the Maryland
16 General Assembly, the Governor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.