

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0569
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Burnett, Ramos, Porter, and Bullock

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Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Police Department

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Quarterly Reporting of Criminal Citations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore Police Department and the Mayor’s Office of
4 Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, or its successor agency, and inviting the Office of the
5 State’s Attorney for Baltimore City and relevant law enforcement, to appear before the City
6 Council quarterly to report on the enforcement of specified citations; establishing certain
7 reporting metrics and guidelines; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective
8 date; and generally relating to the quarterly reporting of certain information related to the
9 enforcement of specified citations.

10 BY adding

11 Article 17 - Police Department
12 Section 4-1 to be under the new subtitle designation,
13 “Subtitle 4. Reporting Requirements”
14 Baltimore City Code
15 (Edition 2000)

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

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 17. Police Department**

20 **SUBTITLE 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

21 **§ 4-1. CRIMINAL CITATIONS.**

22 (A) *DEFINITIONS.*

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

24 IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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

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1 (2) *BENCH WARRANT.*

2 “BENCH WARRANT” MEANS AN ORDER ISSUED BY A JUDGE TO ARREST AN INDIVIDUAL
3 FOR FAILING TO APPEAR FOR A COURT HEARING.

4 (3) *COMMITTEE.*

5 “COMMITTEE” MEANS THE CITY COUNCIL’S PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT
6 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OR ITS SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE.

7 (4) *DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.*

8 (I) *IN GENERAL.*

9 “DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION” MEANS DATA ABOUT THE FEATURES OR
10 CHARACTERISTICS THAT DEFINE AN INDIVIDUAL OR POPULATION.

11 (II) *INCLUSIONS.*

12 “DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION” INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL’S:

13 (A) AGE;

14 (B) RACE;

15 (C) ETHNICITY; AND

16 (D) SEX.

17 (5) *DEPARTMENT.*

18 “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

19 (5) *DIVERSION PROGRAM.*

20 “DIVERSION PROGRAM” MEANS AN OPTIONAL COURSE OF ACTION MADE AVAILABLE BY
21 THE CITY TO AN INDIVIDUAL CITED WITH VIOLATING THE CODE, WHICH, IF
22 COMPLETED, WOULD ELIMINATE THE CHANCE OF PROSECUTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL
23 FOR THE SAME VIOLATION BY THE CITY.

24 (6) *MONSE.*

25 “MONSE” MEANS THE MAYOR’S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND
26 ENGAGEMENT OR ITS SUCCESSOR.

27 (7) *OFFICE.*

28 “OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE OF THE STATE’S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY.

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1 (B) *REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.*

2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

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4 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH MONSE TO COMPILE AND SUBMIT A
5 QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE
6 ENFORCEMENT AND DISPOSITION OF THE OFFENSES LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (2)
7 AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

8 (2) *BALTIMORE CITY CODE - OFFENSES INCLUDED.*

9 (I) *HEALTH ARTICLE*

10 SUBTITLE 5. BODILY WASTES

11 SUBTITLE 7. LITTERING

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13 (II) *ARTICLE 15. LICENSING AND REGULATION*

14 SUBTITLE 17. STREET VENDORS

15 (III) *ARTICLE 19. POLICE ORDINANCES*

16 SUBTITLE 13. DISORDERLY DRINKING

17 § 13-1. PROHIBITED CONDUCT - IN GENERAL

18 SUBTITLE 14. DRINKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

19 § 14-2. PROHIBITED CONDUCT - IN GENERAL

20 SUBTITLE 25. LOITERING - GENERAL

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22 SUBTITLE 33. MINORS - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

23 § 33-2. PURCHASE OR POSSESSION BY MINOR

24 § 33-3. FALSE REPRESENTATION

25 SUBTITLE 40. UNREGISTERED MOTORCYCLES AND SIMILAR VEHICLES

26 § 40-6. DRIVING OR RIDING; LEAVING UNIMMOBILIZED

27 SUBSECTION (A) DRIVING OR RIDING VEHICLE

28 SUBSECTION (B) POSSESSING UNIMMOBILIZED VEHICLE

29 § 40-7. PERMITTING ANOTHER TO DRIVE OR RIDE

30 § 40-8. PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

31 SUBTITLE 47. SOLICITING AND AGGRESSIVE SOLICITING

32 SUBTITLE 52. TAXICABS

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1 § 52-2. PROVIDING TAXI SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE

2 (3) *ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND - OFFENSES INCLUDED.*

3 (I) *ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE*

4 DIVISION I. GENERAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS

5 TITLE 6. FORFEITURES; ENFORCEMENT; PROHIBITED ACTS; PENALTIES

6 § 6-320. DISORDERLY INTOXICATION

7 (II) *CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE*

8 TITLE 5. CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES, PRESCRIPTION, AND OTHER
9 SUBSTANCES

10 § 5-601. POSSESSING OR ADMINISTERING CONTROLLED DANGEROUS
11 SUBSTANCE

12 § 5-602. MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTING, POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO
13 DISTRIBUTE, OR DISPENSING CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE
14 SUBSECTION (B) POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA WITH INTENT TO
15 DISTRIBUTE
16

17 TITLE 6. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

18 § 6-301. MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION – GENERALLY
19 SUBSECTION (C) LESS THAN \$1,000

20 § 6-402. TRESPASS ON POSTED PROPERTY

21 § 6-403. WANTON TRESPASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

22 TITLE 7. THEFT AND RELATED CRIMES

23 § 7-104. GENERAL THEFT PROVISIONS
24 SUBSECTION(G)(2) \$100 TO LESS THAN \$1,500
25 SUBSECTION(G)(3) LESS THAN \$100
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27 TITLE 10. CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH, CONDUCT, AND SENSIBILITIES

28 § 10-201. DISTURBING THE PUBLIC PEACE AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT
29 SUBSECTION(C)(2) DISORDERLY CONDUCT
30 SUBSECTION(C)(3) FAILURE TO OBEY REASONABLE AND LAWFUL ORDER
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33 (4) *REQUIRED DATA.*

34 THE REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
35 INFORMATION FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD:

36 (I) THE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE CITED,
37 DIVIDED INTO DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORIES;

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- 1 (II) THE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS
2 WHO WERE WARNED, DIVIDED INTO DEMOGRAPHIC CATEGORIES;
- 3 (III) THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED IN EACH POLICE DISTRICT AND A
4 COUNT BY DISTRICT OF WHICH CITATIONS WERE ISSUED;
- 5 (IV) THE NUMBER OF WARNINGS ISSUED IN EACH POLICE DISTRICT AND A
6 COUNT BY DISTRICT OF WHICH CITATIONS THE WARNINGS REGARDED;
- 7 (V) THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED BY POLICE DISTRICT AND A COUNT OF
8 WHICH CITATIONS WERE ISSUED;
- 9 (VI) A COUNT OF CITATIONS ISSUED BY:
- 10 (A) THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT;
- 11 (B) THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION POLICE DEPARTMENT;
- 12 (C) THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE; AND
- 13 (D) THE BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE;
- 14 (VII) THE NUMBER OF WARNINGS ISSUED BY POLICE DISTRICT AND A COUNT
15 OF WHICH CITATIONS THE WARNINGS REGARDED;
- 16 (VIII) THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS THAT WERE DISMISSED OR NOLLE PROSEQUI,
17 CATEGORIZED BY DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND POLICE DISTRICT;
- 18 (IX) THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS THAT WERE PROSECUTED, CATEGORIZED BY
19 DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND POLICE DISTRICT;
- 20 (X) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CITED WHO COMPLETED A DIVERSION PROGRAM;
- 21 (XI) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CITED WHO ACCEPTED COMMUNITY SERVICE IN
22 LIEU OF PROSECUTION;
- 23 (XII) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CITED WHO DECLINED COMMUNITY SERVICE IN
24 LIEU OF PROSECUTION;
- 25 (XIII) THE NUMBER OF BENCH WARRANTS ISSUED FOR CITED INDIVIDUALS WHO
26 FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT;
- 27 (XIV) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CITED WHO FAILED TO COMPLETE OR WERE
28 INELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION PROGRAMS;
- 29 (XV) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ISSUED MULTIPLE CITATIONS;
- 30 (XVI) THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS AND WARNINGS ISSUED DURING A SPECIAL
31 EVENT, INCLUDING SPORTING EVENTS, FESTIVALS, PARADES, AND BLOCK
32 PARTIES; AND

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1 (XVII) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE CHARGED CRIMINALLY DUE TO A
2 CITATION LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

3 (C) *TIME LINE.*

4 THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE DUE TO THE MAYOR AND CITY
5 COUNCIL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES EACH YEAR:

6 (1) APRIL 15 FOR THE JANUARY THROUGH MARCH QUARTER;

7 (2) JULY 15 FOR THE APRIL THROUGH JUNE QUARTER;

8 (3) OCTOBER 15 FOR THE JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER QUARTER; AND

9 (4) JANUARY 15 FOR THE OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER QUARTER.

10 (D) *PUBLIC HEARING.*

11 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

12 AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
13 COMMITTEE, THE DEPARTMENT AND MONSE SHALL APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
14 TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS THE REPORT.

15 (2) *OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES.*

16 THE COMMITTEE SHALL EXTEND AN INVITATION TO BE PRESENT AND COMMENT AT
17 THE HEARING TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:

18 (I) THE OFFICE OF THE STATE’S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY;

19 (II) THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE;

20 (III) THE BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF’S OFFICE; AND

21 (IV) THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION POLICE DEPARTMENT.

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on January 1,
23 2025.