

Introduced by: Councilmember Scott *Burke, Henry Pinkett, Clark, Stiles Dorsey*

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference *SUGES, Clarke, Kisinger, Schleifer* Date: December 3, 2018 *Bullock*

Referred to: RESOLUTION Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL *18-0120R*

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

Request for State Action – Strengthening Penalties for Straw Purchases and Trafficking Hand Guns in Maryland

FOR the purpose of calling on the Maryland General Assembly to enact, and the Governor to sign, legislation that strengthens the penalties for straw purchases and gun trafficking in Maryland, from a misdemeanor to a felony with increased fines.

[Handwritten signatures: Burke, Henry Pinkett, Clark, Stiles Dorsey, SUGES, Clarke, Kisinger, Schleifer, Bullock, and others]

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Agencies

_____	Baltimore City Public School System
_____	Baltimore Development Corporation
_____	City Solicitor
_____	Comptroller's Office
_____	Department of Audits
_____	Department of Finance
_____	Department of General Services
_____	Department of Housing and Community Development
_____	Department of Human Resources
_____	Department of Planning
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Department of Public Works
_____	Department of Real Estate
_____	Department of Recreation and Parks
_____	Department of Transportation
_____	Fire Department
_____	Health Department
_____	Mayor's Office of Employment Development
_____	Mayor's Office of Human Services
_____	Mayor's Office of Information Technology
_____	Office of the Mayor
_____	Police Department
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Board of Estimates
_____	Board of Ethics
_____	Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
_____	Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation
_____	Commission on Sustainability
_____	Employees' Retirement System
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Environmental Control Board
_____	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
_____	Labor Commissioner
_____	Parking Authority Board
_____	Planning Commission
_____	Wage Commission
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____

Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0120R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Burnett, Henry, Pinkett, Cohen, Stokes, Dorsey, Sneed,
Clarke, Reisinger, Schleifer, Bullock
Introduced and adopted: December 6, 2018

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

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2 Hand Guns in Maryland

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4 sign, legislation that strengthens the penalties for straw purchases and gun trafficking in
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6 Recitals

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9 Department officials believe that the overwhelming majority of these homicides were carried out
10 with illegal firearms. Baltimore City has recently joined a growing list of cities that partner with
11 local police agencies and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in operating a Crime
12 Gun Intelligence Center that traces every gun recovered to its origin. From January 2017 to July
13 2018, the Baltimore Police Department recovered and traced 1,776 guns. 813 of those guns had
14 an origin in Maryland, while 953 came from outside the state. While Maryland has done
15 extensive legislative work to prevent guns from ending up in the hands of violent repeat
16 offenders and others who should not have them, it has not done nearly enough to deal with those
17 who illegally purchase and traffic guns into the state. Increasing the penalties for straw purchases
18 and gun trafficking would allow police departments and other local law enforcement agencies to
19 build strong cases and cut off the flow of illegal guns into our state and city.

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21 Council calls on the Maryland General Assembly to enact, and the Governor to sign, legislation
22 that strengthens the penalties for straw purchases and gun trafficking in Maryland, from a
23 misdemeanor to a felony with increased fines.

24 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore City
25 Police Commissioner, the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and
26 Senate Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the
27 Maryland House Speaker, the Governor of Maryland, the Mayor of Baltimore City, and the
28 Mayor’s Legislation Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
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APPROVED FOR FORM STYLE AND TEXTUAL SUFFICIENCY 12/15/18 (Ar) DEPT LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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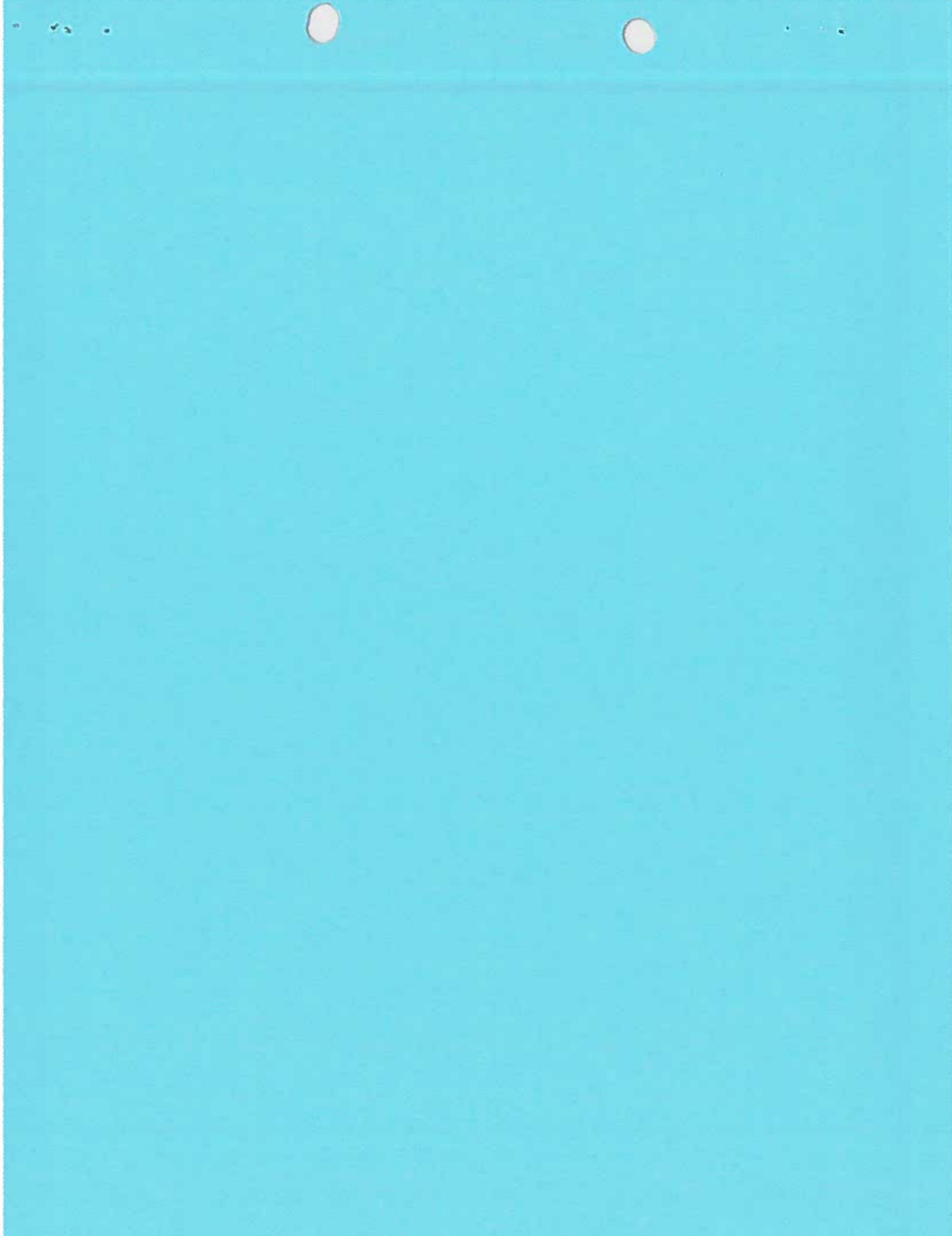
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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

DEC 06 2018

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ 20 _____

_____ FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

_____ 20 _____

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

President

Chief Clerk