



**SYNOPSIS**

**Committee: Public Safety and Government Operations**

**Bill: 23-0329**

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**Minor Curfew - Conduct of Establishments - Penalty**

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember Burnett, et al

**Introduced:** January 9, 2023

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of increasing a certain penalty on the operator of an establishment for knowingly permitting any minor to remain on the premises during certain curfews for minors.

**Effective:** The 30th day after the date it is enacted

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**AGENCY REPORTS**

Police Department	
Department of Finance	
City Solicitor	Favorable with Amendments

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**ANALYSIS**

*Current Law*

Article 19, subtitle 34 establishes daytime and nighttime curfews for minors in Baltimore City. Under § 34-6 of that subtitle, no operator of an establishment or their agents or employees may knowingly permit any minor to remain on the premises of that establishment if that minor’s presence would violate an applicable curfew.

Article 1, § 41-14 provides for a penalty of \$500 for violating § 34-6.

Article 19, § 34-9 provides that anyone who violates § 34-6 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

*Bill Summary*

The bill would amend Article 1, § 41-14 to increase the penalty for violating § 34-6 from \$500 to \$1,000. The bill would further amend Article 19, § 34-9 to increase the fine for violating § 34-6 from not more than \$500 to not less than \$1,000.

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***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION***

**Fiscal Note:** None

**Information Source(s):** Baltimore City Code, Reporting Agencies, Bill 23-0329

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